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By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

MOSCOW - At 4:00 P.M., as the winter sky darkens, thousands of traders from the giant flea-market at the Luzhniki Sports Stadium here trudge homeward through the dirt and slush lugging bags and suitcases stuffed with unsold goods. For many Russians, this is the "market" that the poblicians have been talking about in the Kremlin for all these weeks. It is not a free exchange of goods and ser-vices, it is oot checking accounts or credit

Germany gave Russia a break on its debt repayments. Page 2.

cards, or even unemployment benefits and unpaid bills. It is standing in the cold for hours on end, holding up cheap cosmetics, or sweaters imported from Turkey, or the odd pair of boots or shoes, waiting for someone to come and buy.

During the two-week-long battle at the Congress of People's Deputies, President Boris N. Yeltsin's conservative opposition turned on this brisk, if crude retail trade asa symptom of what had gone wrong with the economic program. On Monday, the country's new prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, scened to echo their line when in his first television interview he declared that he wanted the country to move to a real market and oot a "bazaar. "Our country, with its powerful infra-structure, with its wealth in resources, must not become a country of small shopkeepers," he said, in a comment that sent a chill through the rickety network of street fairs, renovated kiosks and commercial shops that have sprung up in Moscow and other cities over the last year. It may be entry-level capitalism, but after 11 months of economic change, for

many people, trading is simply a way of surviving. So, while world leaders and local commentators excitedly pondered the resignation of Yegor T. Gaidar, the eco-nomic program's architect, and the appointment of Mr. Chernomyrdin in his stead, here at Luzhniki the news registered in more sullen ways, as traders took stock of the day's take.

Pavel, a 28-year-old aviation mechanic, came the closest to testing the reaction to the latest ocws from the Kremlin. Each day, he comes to Luzhniki to buy privatization vouchers, pieces of paper issued to

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Supporters of Prime Minister Milan Panic at a rally in Krusevac, Serbia, on Wednesday. Mr. Panic is running for president against the hard-line incumbent, Słobodan Milosevic.

U.S. Names 7 For Trial as **Criminals in Balkans War**

Eagleburger Also Wants Serb Political Leaders To Be Held Accountable

By Don Oberdorfer U'aslangton Post Service GENEVA — The United States stepped up its pressure on Wednesday for United Nationsbacked military action to clear the skies over Bosnia and said Serbian leaders should eventu ally be tried as war criminals.

Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger, speaking in a conference of 29 nations here, declared that "more aggressive measures" must be considered to stop "an intolerable and dete-riorating situation inside the former Yugosla-

Referring to Nazi Germany's extermination of Jews in World War II, Mr. Eagleburger said the international community had "a moral and historical obligation oot to stand back a second time in this century while a people faces obliteration.

Civing "crimes against humanity" ranging from civilian deaths in the siege of Sarajevo to mass executions of Bosnian Muslims, Mr. Eagleburger listed seven men who supervised or carried out killings, all but two of them Serbs. He went on to declare that those with "poliocal and command responsibility" for these crimes should be tried under international law, and named Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, commander of the Bosnian Serb military forces,

Mr. Karadzie was in the former League of Nations building here, where the UN-spon-sored conference was held, during Mr. Eagleburger's speech and passed the U.S. secretary of Borislav Herak, o Bosnian Serb who was

arrested by Bosnian troops and has confessed to killing more than 230 civilians. He is expected to be tried under the old Yugoslav criminal code, and faces a possible death sentence.

 Two members of a Creatiao paramilitary force known as "Adil" and "Arif." They are accused killing 50 Serbian women and children in o bus convoy.

· Zeljko Raznjatovic, leader of the Serbian

"Tigers" paramilitary force that is accused of the mass murders of up to 3,000 civilians. • Vojislav Seselij, leader of the Serbian "Chemiks" paramilitary group that is accused of atrocities in Breko and other Bosnian towns. Drago Prcac, commander of the Serb-ruo

OECD, Seeing Fast Recovery, Tells Clinton: Go Slowly

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune.

PARIS - Revising forecasts prepared a month ago but only just published, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Develrecovery than expected was now under way in the United States, while growth prospects had grown dimmer in both Germany and Japan.

The OECD, one of the leading monitors of international economic performance, also warned the incoming Clinton administration

"Cautioo is required," said Kumiharu Shige-

hara, the OECD's chief economist, presenting a President elect Clinton impresses leaders, but they remain wary. Page 3.

revised version of the organization's semiannual Economic Outlook. "Any large fiscal stimuhus at this stage of the economie cycle runs the risk of being pro-cyclical." Plainly speaking,

against increasing spending to stimulate the that means adding fuel to a fire and reigniting. He also revised downward the report's inflation.

Mr. Shigehara also advised the Federal Re-serve Board, the U.S. central bank, to stand ready to alter its easy-credit policies. He projected U.S. growth next year at almost

3 percent, up from 1.8 percent this year and about half a percentage point higher than the projection in the Economic Outlook issued Wednesday. The report oo Wednesday was based on data available at the start of last

A rough estimate, he said, is that German growth in 1993 could be "somewhat more than half a percentage point lower" than the 1.2 percent figure contained in the report. Just this week, a leading German economic institute said the country's economy was bead-

ing faster and deeper into a recession than expected. The report, by the Ifo Institute for Economic Research, said West German gross

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Marines: 'The Major Tribe' Feeding Somalis Is 2d to Playing Cop

By Keith B. Richburg

Washington Post Service MOGADISHU, Somalia — One week after the first U.S. Marines swept ashore here, Americans seem to have emerged as Somalia's newest dominant armed faction, acting alternately as police force, collector of loose firearms and political intermediary between warring clans. The U.S. mission in this country initially was described as strictly bumanitarian: to open routes to outlying areas where thousands of Somalis are starving to death each day, and to protect relief supplies sent there. Bot after seven days, the American role has evolved rapidly on the political front while the bumanitarian

mission has lagged. In their first 24 hours on the ground, the Americans, through their special envoy, Rubert B. Oakley, managed to arrange the first meeting between Mogadishu's two feuding warlords. U.S. troops established control over the capital's port, its international airport and the old U.S. Embassy compound. Marines were searching vehicles and confiscating weapons - and contraband drugs -at checkpoints in the areas

under U.S. control. American troops began extended patrols throughout the city, in ar-mored vehicles, with helicopters, and on foot at night - all as a "show of force" to establish their presence emphatically. Jim Shanor, a consultant with the UN Devel-

opment Program, said the warring clan factions.

two years have "wanted a major tribe to come in, and the Americans are the major tribe." The first U.S. military convoy has reached Baidoa, a feeding center in the heart of Soma-

desperately bungry people - and by armed gangs who have blocked aid shipments. The convoy comprised 70 vehicles, including trucks and armored personnel carriers, but carried not an ounce of food, except provisions for the

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NEWS ANALYSIS that have reduced Somalia to a state of chaos in

lia's famine belt inhabited by thousands of

U.S. officials say they are satisfied with the



A child keeping up with the action Wednesday as Baidoa's airport was secured. Page 6.

IBM's Slide: An Opening for Innovative Alliances

By John Markoff New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The big cutback that IBM announced this week has underscored what some technology specialists have been saying for several years: While the world's largest computer maker remains a buge enterprise, it no longer can be expected to set the pace for technological innovation io the United States.

International Business Machines Corp. will slash its development spending by \$1 billion, or 17 percent, next year, an amount unprecedented in its history. The company spent about \$6.6 billion in 1991, the last year for which figures

are available. Analysis believe it will spend a similar amount this year. "IBM as the IBM that defined computing is over; it's gone," said Nathan Myrthvold, Mi-

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crosoft Corp.'s vice president of advanced technology and business development. "As a result of new technology developments during the past 10 years, IBM's role in the computer industry has fundamentally changed." The consequence is that what was once one

of the world's most vaunted high-tech companies has been reduced to the role of follower, frequently responding slowly to the major tech-oological forces reshaping the industry. It has become increasingly clear that IBM will no longer be the technological bulwark

against overseas economic competition, a role it often played in the past with such inventions as the Winchester disk drive for data storage, a seminal achievement in 1973.

But rather than being a sign for despair, some technology specialists say that IBM's decline may instead mark the emergence of a new model for computer and technology development in the United States that will become powerful in its own right. Alliances of smaller,

more innovative companies - sometimes working with government support and sometimes no their own --- will come together quick-Iv to attack crucial problems

R. Andrew Heller, a former IBM engineer who now runs a small company in Silicon Valley in California, said. "We have watched while a small number of very important devel-opment organizations in the United States, in-cluding IBM, Bell Laboratories and Xerox, have slowly taken apart the engines behind their innovation.

"But we're seeing new centers of innovation See IBM, Page 11

Israel Expected To Expel 380 Hamas Militants

By David Hoffman

Washington Post Service JERUSALEM - Shaken by the killing of four Israeli soldiers and a policeman, the gov-ernment of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabio has approved the deportation in southern Lebanon of 380 activists and followers of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, which claimed responsibility for the deaths, Israeli sources said Wedoesday. The deportation would be the largest single

group exile ever carried out by Israel, and is certain to set off international criticism. But the decision received broad support from Mr. Rabin's cabinet, and is part ni what sources described as a coming severe crackdown by Israel on the political, financial and military opera-

tions of Hamas, and the smaller Islamie Jihad. Although details of the crackdown were not announced, it was learned that the government was also examining ways to cut the financial pipeline to Hamas from Iran and Saudi Arabia, and may revise the rules governing when Israeli soldiers can shoot at armed guerrillas. Israeli officials acknowledged that deporta-

tions have been highly controversial in the past, and said they were bracing for international criticism. But the Israeli officials said the decisions were warranted in light of the recent ambushes and kidnappings against Israeli tar-gets by Hamas. In addition, they speculated that weakening the Hamas enterprise with weakening the Hamas extremists might help moderate Palestinians involved in the Middle East peace talks.

"The world should not be surprised if this time we'll have to take very tough measures," Mr. Rabin said after authorities discovered the corpse of a kidnapped border policeman, Sergeant Major Nissim Toledano, 29, who was buried Wednesday in Haifa.

A senior Israeli defense official said nf the government's planned crackdown: "From a le-

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Omarska detention camp. and torture took place.

 Adem Delic, commander of the Croat-ruo Celebici camp, where at least 15 Serbs were beaten in death in August.

Lord Owen, co-chairman of the conference and co-negotiator on the Balkans with Cyrus R. Vance, announced that he and Mr. Vance were inviting Mr. Karadzie and his senior military commander, presumably General Miadic, to Geneva oo Jan. 2 for orgonations aimed at settling the war. Mr. Vance was also at odds with Mr. Eagle-

burger io his analysis of the situation in the Balkans and his view of the military actions beiog proposed by the United States, which has now been joined by France and other oations. Rather than a deteriorating situation, as seen by Mr. Eagleburger, Mr. Vance said, "the over-all level of violence has been reduced" in Bos-nia, although some fighting remains. This as-sessment was shared by some UN military official as the sector and when UN officials at the conference and by the UN

secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali. Mr. Butros Gbali said in a written message that "the intensity of hostilities has been reduced."

Mr. Vance expressed strong reservations about enforcement of the "no-fly" zooe, which Mr. Eagleburger advocated more strongly Wednesday than in the past.

According to Mr. Vance, UN officers in the Balkans bave not confirmed that any of the more than 200 aircraft in violation of the UN ban on flights over Bosnia have been used in an offensive role. He expressed belief that military action to enforce the flight ban would endanger UN peacekeeping troops and aid workers oo the ground.

Asked about the conflict between his assess-ment and that of Mr. Vance and UN military officials, Mr. Eagleburger conceded that UN accomplishments in the Balkans were "not insignificant" and agreed that in some ways the United Nations peacekeepers and negonators "have moderated the conflict," He said that at the same time, however, "Bosnian Serbs have taken more territory, ethnie cleansing has proceeded, there are a lot of refugees" and there is no end to the war in sight.

"I don't accept an argument that says overall the situation is better," Mr. Eagleburger said. "I think overall the situation is worse."

Mr. Eagleburger said he detected a clear trend toward international support for a Security Council resolution to enforce the air exclusion zone. Such a measure could authorize U.S. and other forces to shoot down Serbian military aircraft or even bomb military airfields.

l Kiosk Paris Calls GATT Deal 'Null' Trib Index The European Community on Wednesday filed its offer to cut agricultural subsidies under the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Down Up 0.20% Polish radio reported that "Erotic Immuni-By Stephen Engelberg New York Times Service 29.18 ty" is the best-selling book in the country, with 3,255.18 91.15 200,000 copies gone within two days of its arrival in the stores. But it is the book's timing WARSAW-After three years of democrabut France rejected the proposal. The French foreign minister, Roland Dumas, said in cy in which politicians' private lives were largely their own business, Poles are suddenly (IIIIIII) The Dollar that has prompted the greatest speculation. Geneva that France considered the offer to be "oull and Wed. close evicus clos New York, A woman named Marzena Domaros guided reading and talking about the sexual proclivi-ties of their lawmakers. 1.5571 1.5675 the author to the publisher, Jerzy Urban, the He called the "two commissioners" of the EC who had 1.57 1,567 Pound The gossip, which has caused much embarpress spokesman for Poland's last Communist filed the document "faithless agents," an allosion to Frans Andriessen and Ray McSharry, the commissioners who Yen 122.98 123.9 rassment, has been prompted by a recent book purporting to detail salacions activities of Pogovernment. Mr. Urban, who now edits Nie, a 5,322 5.3575 popular weekly, regularly ridicules the posthad negotiated the deal with Washington. (Page 9) cooccaled glee. land's legislators. It is titled "Erotic Immunimmunist parliament. ty: The Memoirs of Anastazja P." Rusiness / Finance Last year, his paper, which means No, of-General News fered a cash award to any woman who would come forward and admit in public that she The author-wrote that she posed last sum--The head of the CIA said Exxon signed a deal to de-Page 18. Crossword said another. mer as a foreign correspondent for the French that Iraq was hiding a ou-clear capability. Page 2. velop a buge gas field off daily Le Figaro and took a succession of had had an abortion after conceiving a child Indonesia. Page 15. Weathe Page 18 with a lawmaker from a party close to the Polish lawmakers as lovers.

No Sex, Please-We're Polish (Members of Parliament)

Catholic Church. The issue arose as partiament was moving toward banning abortion. That vote was delayed, and oow, with an abortion ban scheduled for a final vote this

As members of parliament called for investigations into what they said was a blotch on the national honor, Poland's generally sober daily papers are following events with barely

"Parliamentary Sex Show," a headline read. "Entire Parliament Reads Anastazja's book,"

Informatioo on the writer's ideotity and background is sketchy. She joined the press corps last summer wearing black high heels, sheer black tights and a smartly tailored suit. Her nom de plume is one of Poland's more prominent aristocratic names.

A weekly, Wprost, described her as a wom-A weekly, wprost, desunded her as a wour-an who briefly worked for a tabloid newspa-per io the northern city of Gdansk and that she faces charges in several scams, such as receiving money for advertisements that never

The author told Wprost that she had written the book to earn money to settle "my consid-erable debts" and that she was working for financial circles of German-Austrian origin." That would not endear her to the fiercely nationalistic Polisb right.

week, Mr. Urban is taking credit for belping bring "Erotic Immunity" to market.

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-CIA Chief, Disputing UN, Warns of Iraqi Nuclear Cache

By George Lardner Jr. and R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Past Service WASHINGTON - Robert M. Gates, the director of central intelligence, has warned that Iraq may be hiding enough equipment and supplies in produce fissile material for a nuclear weapon in five to seven 'years" if United Nations inspections and sanctions Were to cease.

Mr. Gates said President Saddam Hussein of Iraq still had "significant residual" nuclear, chemical, biological and missile warfare programs that he has been bying to hide from UN inspectors and was evidently

determined to resume them once the inspections stop. 1. Mr. Gates's remarks put him at odds with officials of the UN Special Commission on Iraq, which has

receded dramatically." been conducting inspections inside Iraq under cease-

nuclear weapons programs have been brought under control

"We have not been able to find any residual pro-grams of any size whatsoever," said John Scott, a legal counsel and a spokesman for the UN commission. Mr. Gates, who has previously drawn criticism for making bold public predictions about impending cha-os in the former Soviet Union and the Middle East, offered a characteristically bleak vision of the future in speeches delivered Tuesday in Sacramento and Los

The world now includes many more complicated and often dangerous problems than the world we just. left," he said, "even though the risk of nuclear war has

The commission has generally expressed greater down as CIA chief. Mr. Gates used both California confidence than the CIA that Iraq's chemical and forums to emphasize whet he called the ca making large cuts in the U.S. intelligence budget now that the Cold War is over.

In the field of weapons proliferation alone, he said, "demands for prompt, detailed and actionable information from policymakers, the military and Congress have actually increased in the last two years."

Mr. Gates asserted that Iraq had failed to declare all its chemical munitions and was still harboring mobile Scud missiles. He also said Iraq had concealed aspects

of its germ weapon program by leveling key buildings at a research center and spreading dirt over the area before UN inspectors arrived.

The UN Special Commission is expected to report to the Security Council this week that Iraq has roughly

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140,000 chemical munitions remaining and that the United Nations has obtained "considerable information" about the Iraci chemical program, according to UN officials.

The commission's report is also expected to say that without new analysis or information "from reliable sources" on the Iraqi Scud missile program, the Security Council should assume that the commission has developed "a practically complete picture."

Mr. Gates also provided new details to buttress past warnings that Iran's continuing military buildup could destabilize the region, mirroring Iraq's buildup of the 1980s.

He said Iran had a chemical weapons program that was growing in size and had already produced be-tween several hundred and 2,000 tons of "blister, choking and blood agents."

WORLD BRIEFS

Albania Seeks Membership in NATO

BRUSSELS (Reuters) --- Albania, warning that war will spread through the Balkans, told a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on Wednesday that it was applying to join the Western alliance

President Sali Berisha said that Albania would not allow "ethnic cleansing" to start in the troubled Serbian province of Kosovo, most of whose inhabitants are ethnic Albanians. He appealed for peacekeeping forces to be sent to stop the Yugoslav conflict's spreading.

Mr. Berisha said that Albania "could not tolerate, is not prepared to tolerate," ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. Saying that a Balkan war would very probably start." he said that Albanians regarded NATO as a pillar of stability in Europe. NATO has never extended membership or security guarantees to any of its former enemies.

EC Court Backs Sunday Trading Ban

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Court of Justice ruled Wednesday that Britain's law banning a wide variety of shopping on Sundays did not contravene European Community rules.

The court said that an article in the EC's founding treaty banning trade-distorting laws "does not apply to national legislation prohibiting retailers from opting their premises on Sanday." The British law, which dates from 1950 and prohibits a wide range of trading on Sundays, has provoked a flurry of court cases in Britain as many of the country's larger retailars have openly flouted the legislation

for more than a year.

Legislators Condemn Mosque Razing

NEW DELHI (Renters) — The Indian Parliament on Wednesday condemned the razing of a mosque in the town of Ayodhya by militant Hindus, an event that triggered communal riots killing some 1.200

Both the lower and upper houses passed a resolution against the demolition of the mosque despite protests by members of the pro-Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party, which has links with the radicals who tore down the 16th-century shrine.

The government last week banned three Hindu and two Muslim groups following the razing of the mosque and the ensuing violence. The resolution said the three Hindu groups --- Rashtriva Swyamsevak Sangh, Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bhajarang Dal --- had helped instigate the demolition

Quake Killed 90% on Indonesia Isle

MAUMERE, Indonesia (AP) - Rescuers conducting mass burials Wednesday after a weekend earthquake described an eerie scene of desolation on a tiny island wiped out by seismic waves.

"The whole island has been vacated and it is now practically empty, like a ghost island," said Colonel Djoko Pourwoko of Pulan Babi, or Pig Island, most of whose population of 1,000 died in the carthquake. About 100 survivors from Pulan Babi have been evacuated to the larger Flores Island, about 1,450 kilometers east of Jakarta. Flores was also hit hard by the powerful earthquake and ensuing tidal waves of up in 25 meters (85 feet).

Amato Gets Good News on 2 Fronts

ROME (Reuters) - The government of Prime Minister Giuliano Amato, buffeted by scandal and electoral setbacks, got welcome news on two fronts Wednesday.

In Parliament it easily won a confidence vote, and then Umberto Bossi, leader of the separatist Northenn Leagne, grudgingly agreed that Mr. Amato must not be toppled, "It would be like taking away the bricks that

are holding the whole wall up," Mr. Bossi said. On Sunday and Monday voters rebuffed the government in general and Mr. Amato's Socialist Party in particular in local elections widely seen as a referendum on the political establishment. Mr. Amato learned Tuesday that Bettino Craxi, head of the party and a former prime minister, was being investigated in a corruption case.

Egypt Seizes 50 More Fundamentalists

CAIRO (AFP) - Egyptian anthorities have arrested 50 more Muslim

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fundamentalists, bringing to 700 the number detained since a crackdown against them was begun last week, the police said Wednesday. Twenty-three fundamentalists, including six women, and 10 militants of an underground group, were arrested in Faiyum, southwest of Cairo. on Tuesday. The police said that 13 were from the Cairo neighbothood of Inbaba, where the summer structure 100 m 7. Imbaba, where the sweep started Dec.7.

Kenya Leader Acts to Curb Violence NAIROBI (Reuters) --- Kenya's government, alarmed by rising pre-

Latest IRA Victims: 4 Hurt, Lots Scared 2 Bombs in Central London Terrify Hordes of Shoppers

New York Tumes Service

LONDON --- The Irish Republican Army detonated two small bombs within minutes of each other Wednesday morning in the heart of London's husy Oxford Street shopping district, sending throngs of Christmas shoppers screaming terror. through the streets and causing minor injuries to four people.

The bombs, the latest strike in an ongoing IRA campaign to spread terror and disruption on the British mainland, caused more panic than harm. Of those who were hurt, the police said, three were cut by flying glass and another collapsed from an asthma attack caused by shock.

The first bomb went off in the men's room of a department store; the second bomb exploded 15 minutes later in a square at the rear of the store, as the police were still trying to clear the area of frightened shoppers and employees. Scotland Yard, which has been

fearing a possible IRA Christmas bombing hlitz, later accused the bombers of playing what it called an "obscene game." Commander David Tucker, the

chief of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist hranch, said the callers gave deliberately misleading information in telephoned warnings to London news organizations about 15 minutes before the first bomb exploded.

By William E. Schmidt replied: "That's for you to find out." The explosions came the same day that Sir Patrick Mayhew. the Northern Ireland Secretary. said that Britain was prepared in pull its troops off the streets of Belfast and other cities in the province, if the IRA were to agree to end its campaign of bombing and

> Sir Patrick, speaking at a university conference in Londonderry, in Northern Ireland, said that if the fRA had "a serious political purpose, then let it renounce uncountyocally the use and threat of violence, and demonstrate over a sufficient period that its renunciation is real."

After the explosions, the police sealed off Oxford Street and the surrounding area, disrupting tens of thousands of midday travelers who were barred from subway stations and streets across much of central London.

The police said the callers had warned of a third bomb, which was never found.

The first bomh detonated just after 11 A.M. inside a trash bin in a third-floor lavaury of John Lewis, a department store on Oxford Street, just as store security people were searching the building on the advice of the police.

As panicked shoppers were being evacuated from the building, the second bomh went off in a Police said that when one of the plastic trash bin in Cavendish persons receiving the warning tried Square, behind John Lewis. Pass-

to press for more details on the . ersby said it caused extensive damlocation of the bombs, the caller age to a car parked at the curb.

the eight-year debt moratorium will cover bills owed to East Germany by the Soviet Union under the old Comecon payment system of the "transferable ruble." The visiting German leader said troops from the former Soviet Union would return home by Aug. 31, 1994 — four months earlier than planned — in return

> "This is a big success," Mr. Kohl said at a joint news confer-ence in the Kremlin. "We took an important step for the future de-velopment of German-Russian relations."

MOSCOW -- Germany agreed

Wednesday to n delay in pay-ments on a major portion of debt owed to it by Russia and to give Moscow 550 million Deutsche

marks in exchange for an acceler-

ated withdrawai of Russian troops from Eastern Germany. Chancellor Helmut Kohl said

Germany, virtually all of which was inherited from the Soviet Linion

would "use its influence" at the Paris Club of government creditors "on Russia's behalf." The full club of creditors is due to meet in Paris on Thursday-

"I consider this package of

Under a treaty that enabled German reunification to go ahead in October 1990, Russian troops are scheduled to withdraw from the former East Germany by Dec. 31, 1994.

There were 390,000 Soviet dents, German officials say:



and the present tally is about Mr. Yeltsin, left, applauding remarks by Mr. Kohl at the conclusion of their talks Wednesday. 200,000, plus 140,000 depen-

for the payment, now equivalent to \$350 million.

German sources estimated the agreement covered 17.6 billion DM, representing about half of Russia's 36 hillion DM debt to

Mr. Kohl added that Germany

agreements to be a great success," Mr. Kohl said at the press confer-ence, flanked by his host, Presi-dent Boris N. Yeltsin.

U.S. Is Targeting a Few In House Bank Affair

By Sharon LaFraniere

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The Justice Department announced Wednesday that it was investigating a "very few" congressmen, most of whom have left office, for crimes they might have committed in using the House bank.

Attorney General William P. Barr ordered the criminal inquiry at the recommendation of the spe-cial prosecutor, Malcolm R. Wilkey, who has been investigating the House back scandal for nine months

Mr. Wilkey's 49-page report in Mr. Barr disclosed no names, but the former federal judge said investigators should focus on House bank employees and a small group comprised of "almost entirely former members."

" Mr. Wilkey said he needed "fur-ther information" before deciding whether in clear a handful of conressmen who are still in office. Nine of them remain under some degree of suspicion, including three who lost their re-election campaigns and relinquish their seats on Jan. 20.

According to their staffers, at least four Democratic congressmen have yet to receive a letter from Mr. Wilkey's staff clearing them of

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TOPICS

Not All Are Happy

ous jobs.

About Open Borders

With some West European

border checks set to vanish, so

will a number of now superflu-

While the plan to drop inter-

nai passport controls on Jan. 1

has been postponed (and will ex-

clude Britain, Denmark and Ire-

land), new laws on transit and

costoms will take effect that day,

border-related jobs.

affecting an estimated 60,000

To take one local example, at the Cluses border stop on the

French end of the Mont Blanc

tunnel, 176 employees expect to

be out of work. Their jobs -

many involving clearance of big

trucks --- will largely be replaced by declarations filed directly by

trucking companies. The ripple effect is never far behind: With

fewer customs workers and

truckers in feed, the 20 employ-

ces of the restaurant at the

wrongdoing. They are John Con-yers Jr. of Michigan, who is chair-man of the House Government Op-crations Committee, Harold E. Ford of Tennessee, Charles Wilson of Texas and Edolphus Towns of New York.

Although Mr. Wilkey exonerated the vast majority of former and current members, he portrayed the scandal as more serious than many up to the Holocaust. representatives were willing to acknowledge publicly.

Because the House bank operated on the credo of "never embarrass a member." and because it never returned a bad check most members are protected from criminal charges, according to the re-DOTI.

Mr. Wilkey suggested that crimi-er some members kited checks, or tried to cover a bad check drawn on their House bank account with another had check from another account. He said the House bank offered "a golden opportunity" for a check-kiting scheme.

Mr. Wilkey took pains to counter legislators' claims that the scandal involved no public funds, saying that all the bank's money belonged to taxpayers until actual-ly disbursed.

Cluses stop now fear for their

As other borders fall, a new

one is rising, and Moravians and Slovaks living along the future frontier between the Czech Re-

public and Slovakia are far from

enthusiastic. "We have never had

any problems about living to-

gether," said one citizen, worried

the trouble will begin when the

country formally splits on Jan 1. Frantisck Hedrich, deputy

mayor of the Moravian town of

Hodonin, says the separation

will cause no end of human, pro-

fessional and practical difficul-

The border will lie 100 meters

(330 feet) from Hodonin's out-

skirts. Workers fear big delays because of customs checks and

heavier road traffic. Consumers

fear currency devaluation --- and

then higher prices. And many

Slovaks working in the Czech

area expect to be the first to lose

jobs under privatization. To Mr.

Hedrich, the Czech divorce is "a

Austria is supplying not just to

ties.

tragedy.

Around Europe

Mr. Kohl's arrival Monday coincided with a major political de-fcat for Mr. Yeltsin, who was forced to drop his acting prime minister, Yegor T. Gaidar, under retreat from reform. pressure from centrists and con-

Mr. Kohl could see, Mr. Yeltservatives at the Congress of Peo-ple's Deputies. sin said, that reactionary forces had not triumphed at the Cone's Deputies. had not triumphed at the Con- hold up Russia's press at the Kremlin leader repeat- gress. It was important, he added, president declared.

collapsed barricades of communism. "Only various groups of die-

hard conservatives are trying to hold up Russia's progress." the

many pledged to pay I billion. DM in compensation to Rus-sians, Belarussians and Ukrainians who had suffered in concentration camps, doing slave labor

or under other repression at the hands of the Nazis.

collor Hehnut Kohl's conservative Christian Democratic party. Mr. Diepgen said recent anti-racist protests

by hundreds of thousands of Germans showed.

the reunited country would never drift back to

to the democracy that succumbed to Nazism in

The head of the rightist Republicans party, put under investigation as a possibly anti-dem-ocratic group, meanwhile accused the German

government of resorting to Nazi-like methods to save its political skin.

"Hitler seads his greetings," the leader of the Republicans, Franz Schönlinber, a former SS officer, said in a sarcastic description of Bonn's

decision Tuesday in have his party monitored

as a possible threat to the "free democratic

Mr. Schönhuber said Mr. Kohl's coalition

Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters said the Re-

hy Germany's counterintelligence agency.

"Germany is not Weimar," he said, referring

the Third Reich

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(AFP, Reuters)

election political violence, has ordered the police to shoot to kill anyone provoking etimic unrest in President Daniel arap Mor's home province. At least 16 people died in weekend fighting in the troubled northwest-em Rift Valley Province, scene of bitter rivalry in the campaign for the Dec. 29 presidential and parliamentary elections, Kenya's first multiparty poll in 26 years. Opposition leaders accuse Mr. Moi's Kenya African National Union Party of promoting the violence in an attempt to intimidate their supporters into backing the party. Mr. Moi denies the charge and accuses

the opposition of fomenting instability. **25 Die as Colombia Battles Rebels**

BOGOTA (AP) ---- Rebels fought with soldiers and policemen, and more than a dozen bombs exploded in two cities, leaving at least 25 dead

and 19 wounded, Colombian anthorities said Wednesday. Ten rebels died in a battle with the army near Santiago, 65 kilometers west of the Venezuelan border, reports said. Fifteen guerrillas, police officers and civilians reportedly died in scattered rebel attacks overnight on police barracks and military posts across Colombia. Eight bombs went off late Tuesday in the border city of Cúcuta, leaving 13 people injured. Six bombs exploded Wednesday in Barrancabermeja, an oil port 160 kilometers north of Bogotá.

TRAVEL UPDATE

A strike by rail workers in Belgium was expected to paralyze Belgian trains and to halt international rail travel through the country for 24 hours effective 10 P.M. Wednesday as unions protest company plans they claim would cost 3,000 jobs.

Indian Aldines is seeking to here French pilots. The country's strike-hit main domestic carrier has also leased Russian-piloted jetliners. Airline officials said Wednesday that it hoped to operate its Airbus fleet temporarily with French pilots. Domestic flights in India have been disrupted for n week by a work stoppage by the main pilots' union, the 475 members of the Indian Connectual Pilots Association. ((JPI) French trains becau rolling again Wednesday after a 32-hour strike, but SNCF, the state railroad company, said commuter traffic was still chaotic in the lastic main and improvements of the state of the state railroad company.

in the Paris region and was irregular on some other lines. (Reuters) Maintenance staff with Algeria's national airline, Air Algerie, disrupted domestic and international flights Wednesday on the first full day of an indefinite strike over pay. (Reuters)

Jews and Gypsies Warn German Leaders

BERLIN — Jewish and Gypsy leaders warned Germany on Wednesday that growing racism resembled prewar persecution that led A current wave of attacks by extremists on the right "could drag us all to hell," a Jewish

leader declared. The warnings were made at a memorial cere-mony in the Reichstag to mark the 50th anni-versary of Nazi Germany's decision to send all Gypsies in the Auschwitz death camp. "Auschwitz is the past but Auschwitz is also our present." said Romani Rose, chairman of

the Central Council of Gypsics.

Gypsy leaders gave Renate Schmidt, the vice president of Germany's parliament, a list of names compiled by the Nazis of 20,943 Gypsics murdered in Auschwitz.

The presence of Romanian Gypsics at a hostel for foreign asylum-seckers set off off a riot in August in the eastern port city of Rostock.

This was followed by a wave of attacks on foreigners and Jewish memorials that has claimed at least 17 lives. The police have often failed to stop the violen

"We remember how the police did nothing when the synagogues burned," said Otto Ro-senberg, a Holocaust survivor who is chairman of the Gypsy Union of Berlin.

but also for a greater measure of

independence from Germany, says Franz Ceska, secretary-gen-

eral of the Austrian Industrial-

ists Federation. Outside the EC,

he says, Austria is reduced to the

status of a satellite of Germany.

its leading investor and trade partner. He looks to the Irish

example: When Ireland joined

the EC, its trade with, and de-

pendence on, Britain dropped

from 70 percent of the total then

Happing over prices is not very British, it appears, A Times

of London reporter, Heather Kirby, tried her best to talk

down salespeople in a variety of

stores. Some willingly went

along, but at many shops she was

met with expressions of shock or disdain. "We don't do dis-counts." snilled one clerk. An-

other used the defense, "Once

the word was out, where would

you stop?" At Harrods, a sales

ssistant used a hi-tech brushoff:

"We use the bar code," he said,

and all deals would have to pass

That, he added, could lead in

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mmense complications.

to less than 50 percent now.

Ignatz Bubis, the chairman of Germany's vestigial Jewish community, said a drift by voters to far-right parties and reunited Germany's economic and social problems were n warning that Nazism could be on the rise again.

"If there is this great readiness to vote for the far-right, then we may not have learned from history." he told the several hundred Gypsics, Jews and German politicians in the Reichstag. Heinrich Himmler, the leader of the SS, Hitler's main instrument for terror and repression. issued an order Dec. 16. 1942, to send all surviving Gypsy families in the Third Reich to Auschwitz in occupied Poland.

More than 500.000 Gypsies were murdered by the Nazis and nearly 23,000 were killed in the Auschwitz death camp alone.

Many Jewish and Gypsy speakers told Germany's politicians that they were ignoring the far-right threat at their peril.

publicans, the biggest of many fringe far-right parties in Germany and one of just two with "This could drag us all into hell," Mr. Bubis state legislative sents, were under surveillance

Mrs. Schmidt, a member of the opposition Social Democrats, said she feared that it might be too late to stamp out rightist extremism at its roots because, she said, it had already estab-

lished itself permanently in Germany. But ber comments were rejected hy Berlin's mayor, Eberhard Diepgen, a member of Chan-

Roh Tae Woo's Political Legacy: North's Isolation

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

SEOUL --- President Roh Tae Woo said here not long ago that he wanted to be remembered as the man who fulfilled South Korea's "aspirations for democratization."

But for Asia and the United States, perhaps most impor-tant has been his paramount role in isolating North Korea, a three-year diplomatic campaign that has left one of the world's most menacing powers beneft of its Cold War allies and on the defensive about a nuclear-weapons project that ranks among the higgest threats in Asia.

Yet, in Secol, only 55 kilometers from the mines and tank traps of the Demilitarized Zone that divides Korea, South Koreans are hardly celebrating. As Mr. Roh leaves office, the former general who was once feared as a military strongman in a business suit is now often criticized for going soft, signing empty agreements with the North rather than speeding its collapse.

A rising generation of educated young South Koreans, with no memory of families fleeing across the border, have begun to question whether their parents' preoccupation with remification is even worth the price. Mindful of Germany's experience, they fear that unification could nearly bankringt the South, derailing the nation just as it begins to focus on. the cold realities of competing with Japan and China.

How Mr. Roh's successor, who is to be elected on Friday, manages relations with North Korea may well determine when and how peacefully the Cold War ends in Asia. For all their new-found prosperity and democratic values; South Koreans are acutely aware that for most of the last century, powers' maneuvering for strategic advantage -- first Japan, then the Soviet Union, China and the United States.

If the Koreas reunify peacefully, the nation could become a regional powerhouse of 70 million people. If relations between North and South collapse totally — and many U.S. military officials and diplomats fear they easily could — that could rekindle the first banke the United Nations ever tried to settle with force.

"North Korea could explode or implode," said General Robert W. RisCassi, the commander of the 40,000 U.S. troops who remain in the South. As the Stalinist government of Kim II Sung is driven further into a corner, its economy shrinking and its people running short of food, General RisCassi contends, "it is a debatable matter" whether the country will change peacefully or lash out as it did oncehefore.

That question, endlessly debated these days in Washington and Seoul, is at the heart of the question of how many U.S. troops the Clinton administration will decide to keep in Korea, and for how long,

On the streets, where radical students; nationalists and political opposition leaders once demanded a U.S. pullout urging the United States to stay.

The other candidates for president are Chung Ju Yung: the founder of the Hyundai manufacturing conglomerate; and Kim Young Sam, of the Democratic Liberal Party. When Mr. Roh took office in early 1988, the North and the South were locked in the same standoff they had been insince an armistice was signed in Joly 1953.

But the year after he took office, Kopeans watched on: effect.

television as the Berlin Wall fell, seeing it all through the prism of the DMZ "There was a wistful period for a while," Donald P. Gregg,

the U.S. ambassador, said recently. "Everyone thought it could happen as quickly as it did in Germany. Then they watched, and added up the costs, and that was sobering." Mr. Roh, by his own account, seized the moment.

Working quietly, he began to court several East European nations and then the Soviet Union, eventually welcoming Mikhail S. Gorbachev to a country where Russians had been barred. In return he offered Russia \$3 billion in aid. But the effects were clear. After nearly two decades of

silence, the prime ministers from North and South began to meet regularly, though the talks always seemed on the verge of foundering, with both sides often shouting accusations at

cach other. Mr. Roh. following a path charted largely by his national security adviser, Kim Chong Hwi, began to dangle the investment carrot in front of the North, whose economy is a 10th the size of South Korea's. Eventually he even allowed South Korean business leaders to mavel North to talk about Dotential factories.

A year ago this week, the two sides finally snack what seemed to be a historic accord on "Reconciliation, Nonaggression and Exchanges and Cooperation."

It fell short of a peace treaty, but it seemed bound to break down the isolation, calling for a military hot line, regular exchanges of news, even telephone, mail and rail service between nations and families that had been totally cut off from one another.

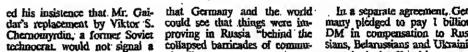
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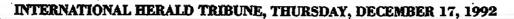
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WASHINGTON - President-elect Bill Clinton is enjoying a prehoneymoon honeymoon with an American public that appears increasingly optimistic about the country's future, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll

For the first time in six years, more Americans say the economy is getting better than say it is getting worse. A majority of those questioned also said they expected Mr. Clinton to do a better job managing the economy than President George Bush ... The poll also showed that the public's initial reaction was favor-

able to Mr. Clinton's first round of high-level administration ap-pointments. Overall, those surveyed gave both Mr. Clinton and Mr. Bush high marks for the way they are handling the transition of power.

One potential source of conflict for Mr. Clinton has to do with his pledge to end the military's ban on homosexuals in the service. By a 5-to-4 ratio, those surveyed said they favored allowing homosexuals to serve in the military. A majority of women favored the measure, while a narrow majority of men were opposed.

A total of 1,011 randomly selected adults were interviewed Dec. 11 to 14. Margin of sampling error for the overall results is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Newly elected presidents historically enjoy broad public support

during the early months of their first terms. But there have been doubts whether Mr. Clinton, who faced a bruising three-way contest in which nearly 6 out of 10 voters supported his opponents, would enjoy such a honeymoon. With his inauguration still five weeks

enjoy such a honeymoon. With its many many away, the best guess is yes. Six out of 10 were confident that Mr. Clinton would do a better job than Mr. Bush did in handling the economy. Happily for the president-elect, the survey suggests that doubts about the nation's economy finally may be lifting. According to the poll, 33 percent said the economy was improving, while 24 percent said it still was in decline. The remaining 42 percent said the economy was staying the same. (WP)

Baker Logbooks Sought in Clinton File Affair

WASHINGTON - The General Accounting Office has asked the White House to turn over copies of computer messages, phone logs and other files from Chief of Staff James A. Baker 3d and two senior aides as part of a broadening congressional investigation into the State Department's pre-election search of President-elect Bill Clin-

tan's passport files. In a letter to the White House, the accounting office asked for records from Mr. Baker and two presidential assistants, Margaret D. Tntwiler and Janet G. Mullins, dating from Sept. 15 — the day the State Department received the first Freedom of Information Act request for material on Mr. Clinton's citizenship records. The office requested any material relating to contacts between the White House officials named and the State Department officials involved in the handling of Mr. Clinton's files.

The accounting office letter gives the latest of several indications that congressional and federal investigators may be expanding their inquiries into the passport affair and concentrating on the possibility that the White House as well as senior officials of the Bush-Quayle campaign were involved. Last week, the State Department inspector-general and the General Accounting Office also began investigating whether State Department or White House officials contacted the British government to initiate a separate search at the British Home Office for any files on Mr. Clinton. (WP)

How to Cool Inauguration Fever

WASHINGTON - For those who want tickets to the public events of Bill Clinton's inauguration, there is a toll-free telephone number in the United States: 1-800-INAUG93. The Presidential Inaugural Committee announced the number to field a growing number of requests for information on tickets, commemorative merchandise and volunteer work. (AP)

Quote-Unquote:

Bill Clinton at the end of a two-day domestic economic meeting in Little Rock. Arkansas "As long as people are out of work and children are left behind, as king as families straggle, as long as the potential of this country is not being fulfilled, we will not rest." (AP)

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Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore wrapping up their economic conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. **Breaking the Ice With Business Clinton Wins Praise, but Wariness Remains** cautious. Is he really a different meeting foreign competition. The type of Democrat or is he more in mvitees included American Air-By Steven Greenhouse New York Timer Service LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas the mold of the tradinonal Democrat?" The business leaders at President-Mr. Cizik, who is chairman of elect Bill Clinton's economic conthe 12,000-member National Assoference here did not fall head over ciation of Manufacturers, added beels, but many came away feeling warmer toward him than they had

Clinton might choose would exac-erbate problems. Those options, he said, included "more regulations, George Ste expected. Still, many of the executives had voted for President George Bush, more taxes and more spending, the and they remained unsure whether Mr. Clinton was a man they could things we already worry about." Despite the general tone of cau-

"f have never voted for a Demotion, some executives seemed crat in my life, but I must say I've pleased to shed their reserve about been impressed," said John D. the president-clect. John D. Cor-Ong, chairman and chief executive renti, president of the Nucor Corp., of B.F. Goodrich Company. "He a steelmaker, based in Charlotte, has an obvious command of the North Carolina, said, "He's like a steelmaker, based in Charlotte, based an obvious command of the North Carolina, said, "He's like a steelmaker, based in Charlotte, based an obvious command of the North Carolina, said, "He's like a steelmaker, based in Charlotte, based in the steelmaker, based in Charlotte, based in Charlotte, based in Charlotte, based in Charlotte, based in the steelmaker, based in Charlotte, based in the steelmaker, based in Charlotte, base the president-elect. John D. Cor-that have angered their workers by bige layoffs had been invited. issues, but we don't know what his sponge in absorbing information."

John Sculley, chief executive of The executives, who came from Apple Computer, said he was dozens of large companies, includamazed that Mr. Clinton could dising Citicorp, Colgate-Palmolive, Exxon and Sara Lee, were heartcuss dozens of subjects in detail thout any notes ened that Mr. Clinton not only lis-In some ways, the conference betened to their problems, but apcame a tacit conspiracy between Mr. Clinton and the business compeared to understand them. Hour after hour, he listened as they demunity. Both sides gladly turned the conference into an effort to scribed the problems causing corporate America's headaches: aneforce-feed the public and Congress mic economie growth, spiraling health-care costs, cuts in military tons of information about what ails the economy. spending, the reluctance of banks

lines, Apple, AT&T, Coca-Cola, Ford, Intel, Johnson & Johnson,

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Merck, Xerox and Wal-Mart, Noticeably absent were some of the troubled corporate bebemoths that "certain options" that Mr. that are laying off tens of thou-Climton might choose would exac-

George Stepbanopoulos, Mr. Clinton's communications director, said, "We're always trying to put a spotlight on the success sto-ries." Of course, Mr. Clinton might have taken some beat if companies

political history is, as Mr. Clinton's

Leftist Clinton Transition Aide Is Frozen Out

First Victim in War of Ideology

By Michael Kelly New York Times Service WASHINGTON - A senior of-

licial of the Clinton transition team associated with the old-line left of Democratic Party politics appears battle to shape the ideological character of the incoming administra-TION

A week ago, Johnnetta B. Cole, president of Spelman College in Atlanta, was regarded by some within President-elect Bill Clipton's organization as a strong possibility for appointment as secretary of education. Now, after a run of bad publicity that began last Friday with the publication in the lewish newspaper Forward of an article detailing her association with Marxist-oriented groups, her chances of being named to any job requiring Senate confirmation ap-pear almost nil.

The controversy over Ms. Cole stems from a fundamental conflict within and around the transition between centrist Democrats and a group that is pushing for a more aggressively liberal administration. That faction is centered on and draws power from Hillary Rodham Clinton the president-elect's wife

Ms. Cole, who has been the sub ject of a series of critical newspaper articles and columns, found hersel under intensive questioning by reporters this week while attending Mr. Clinton's economic conference in Little Rock. She responded in tones of outrage against what she called "vile" charges dredged up by "right-wing extremists."

The public and private criticism of Ms. Cole has come largely on two froms: Jewish organizations critical of her reported affiliation with a pro-Palestinian group and Democrats fearful of any sign of leftward leaning within a political organization that has gone to great pains to break with the party's liberal legacy.

Ms. Cole, a longtime friend of Mrs. Clinton's, was appointed in November to run a group charged with reporting to the presidentelect on the issues and organizational concerns facing federal agencies involved with education, labor, and the arts and humanities,

That group's more powerful counterpart, which is developing Mr. Clinton's policies in those ar-eas, is headed by Alan From, a prominent figure in the party's centrist faction, Mr. From did not return telephone calls for this article. The Clinton transition team's public position is that Ms. Cole's

press secretary. Dee Dee Myers, put it, "something we're just not concerned about." committee of the pro-Cuba Vencer-emos Bn gades, known for sponsor-ing sugar cane-cutting expeditions

Mr. Clinton's transition chairman to have fallen as the first victim of a and a friend of Ms. Cole's. "Assuming that it's true. I also don't care. What I've heard about seems pretty silly to me."

But the report in the Jewish newspaper led to both private and public pressure on the Clinton transition team.

"We are not asking that she re-sign, but we are saying that if she has maintained these views and and has not repudiated them, particularly in the aftermath of glasnost and perestroika, then it is inappropriate that she was appointed to this position," said Abraham Foxman, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

self open to the possibility of an administration job, now says there "is no possibility I will go 10 Washington at all."

In an interview, Ms. Cole ac-knowledged that for years she had been a member of the national from Cuba," she wrote.

"I don't know anything about that stuff," said Vernon Jordan, the group was connected with Cuban intelligence forces. Ms. Cole also has been listed as a

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member of the executive board of the U.S. Peace Council. She appears in a listing of "sponsors", al the group's founding conference in 1979.

The U.S. Peace Council was an affiliate of the World Peace Council. In Senate testimony in 1982, Edward O'Malley, the assistant director of the FBI's intelligence division, called the World Peace Council "the largest and most active Soviet international front organizalion.

In an academic essay entitled Afro-American Solidarity with Cuba," published in 1977. Ms. Cole wrote of black Americans, "responsibility to stand in solidarity with the Cuban revolution."

"As we struggle for meaningful transformation of U.S. society, there is much that we can learn



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Ms. Cole, who used to leave ber-

· Many kitchen faucets leach dangerous amounts of lead into drinking water, two environmental groups said in filing a lawsuit against U.S. menufacturers.

· No increase in birth defects has been found following a massive pesticide spill in the Sacramento River in Northern California in 1991, researchers said.

• A former managing director at Kidder Peabody & Company has filed claims to collect \$5 million from the brokerage firm because, she says, it discriminated against her on the basis of age and sex. The claims of Elizabeth Sobol, 49, who left the company 16 months ago, may be heard by an arbitration panel under the auspices of the National Agrophics of Spaning of Spaning and under the auspices of the National Association of Securities Dealers.

• An electronic radar-jamming system in development for 15 years at a cost of \$1.5 billion will be canceled by the navy. The system repeatedly failed flight tests and became a symbol of weapons programs kept in development by the Pentagon before problems were worked out.

• At least 79 students were injured when a cloud of Mace spread through a New York City school, forcing its evacuation. The police arrested a 14-year-old student and charged him with juvenile delinquency for spraying a canister of the chemical in a hallway.

• Attorney General William P. Barr, who leaves the post next month, called for eliminating the office of the federal coordinator of anti-drug policy, and for insisting on the full cooperation of Latin American countries in the drug war.

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Mr. Sculley said, "We all walked away with the feeling that we're Still, after 19 hours of talking, making progress getting the leader of the nation and the American the business leaders remained anxious to know what Mr. Clinton people to recognize that we have plans to do on issues close to their serious problems." hearts and bottom lines, like regu-

For business executives, an invi-"We have a lot of Republicantation to the conference was someoriented manufacturers, and I'd thing like induction into Bill Clinsay they were impressed by the way be conducted himself," said Robert ton's Corporate Hall of Fame. Many of the large companies invit-ed were part of an elite, evidenced Cizik, chairman of Cooper Industrics in Houston. "But they remain by their rapid growth or success at

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Aspin Leads Running For Defense Secretary

By Gwen Ifill New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Les Aspin, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has emerged as the leading candidate for secretary of defense in the Clinton administration, transition and con-

gressional officials say. The Wisconsin Democrat is the likely choice on what had been an extremely short list of candidates to head the Department of Defense, and several people familiar with the process said a formal announcement was expected soon. Like President-elect Bill Clinton, Mr. Aspin, 54, is considered a moderate Democrat, opposed the war in Vietnam and studied at Oxford University.

But he supported financing for the MX missile and aid to the Nicaraguan contras and is not considered by Republicans to be a proponent of major cuts in the military budget.

Dave McCurdy, Democrat of Oklahoma, 42, who is an influential member of the House Armed Services Committee, has also been considered a possible nominee for

the Pentagon. Mr. Clinton is also expected this week to name Mike Espy, Democrat of Mississippi, as secretary of agriculture, transition aides and congressional officials said. Mr. Espy, 39, would be the first black to hold the Agriculture post. He was elected to Congress in 1987 and represents a largely rural district. Mr. Aspin's nomination would-

rob the House of another senior Democrat committee chairman and set up a struggle for control of the House Armed Services Com-mittee, where Ronald V. Dellums of California and Patricia Schroeder of Colorado are in the immediate line of succession.

A senior congressional Republi-can called Mr. Aspin "clearly an excellent choice," and signaled that the appointment would be general-ly well received oo Capitot Hill.

■ Mondale for UN Post? Former Vice President Walter

Mondale surfaced Wednesday as a leading candidate for chief delegate to the United Nations, The Associated Press reported from Little Rock, Arkansas. A transition aide said Mr. Mondale was on a short list of candidates.

Fischer Won't Discuss His Indictment in U.S.

Agence France-Presse

BELGRADE — Bobby Fischer, the former world chess champion, refused Wednesday to comment on his indictment in the United States for violating economic sanctions against Yugoslavia by playing a

chess tournament there. A spokesman for the American chess master said that Jezdimir Vasiljevic, the Serbian banker who sponsored the \$5 million match against Boris Spassky, had ordered Mr. Fischer to keep silent.

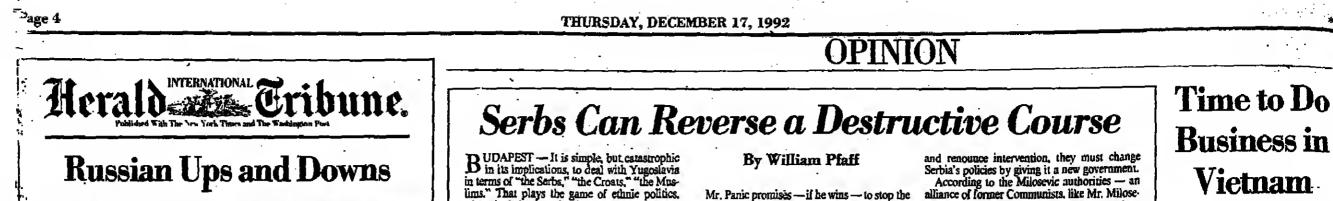


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alists — anyone who is against aggressive and expansionist ethnic war is against Serbia. That is their attack on Mr. Panic. He has had few cards By Robert Elegant

vic himself, with extreme and reactionary nation-

to play, since the office of Yugoslav prime minis-

ter has little power of its own, but he played them

well enough to prevent the Milosevic forces from

getting rid of him, and now, despite their furious opposition, he is on the ballot for Sunday's

He represents sanity in a situation where Yu-

goslav state television and the principal newspa-pers all are controlled by Mr. Milosevic and his

allies, and all of them preach hatred and fear of Croats and Muslims as whole peoples, insisting

that Serbia is the victim of aggression by a

preposterous coalition of American "imperial-

ists," German and Austrian "fascists" (in control of the whole European Community), and Mus-lim fundamentalists allied with the Pope.

The Milosevic forces warn of civil war if they

don't win. Civil war is actually more probable if they do win, since a struggle with the Albanians

in Kosovo and Sanjak thereby comes closer, and with that the likelihood of international war. For this reason a boycott of the election by Serbis's

Albanian population would be madness. The Serbian people have been told lies for

years now, and it is possible that the Panic campaign comes too late. His allies are a mixed and politically divided group, with conflicting interests of their own and limited resources. The

army, on the other hand, has stayed out of the struggle, which has weakened the Milosevic camp. The prudent and pessimistic forecast is that Milan Panic will lose on Sunday. But in

Serbia prudence is not a virtue universally ad-

International Herald Tribune.

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mired, and the unexpected can bappen.

ction, and has a chance to win.

HANOI - The memory of Ho Chi Minh is today almost the sole unifying factor for the Vietnam-ese, a people who express profound dissatisfaction with their rulers. The name and portrait of the late revolutionary leader are everywhere. An impressionistic sketch on a billboard near the lake in central Hanoi shows "Uncle Ho" tenderly cradling a child. Beneath is the universal slogan: "Nothing in life is more precious than freedom and independence!"

Many Vietnamese heartily dis-agree, assigning greater priority to essentials such as food, clothing and shelter. Others declare that the "lib-eration" of the South in 1975 and the unification of the country under Ha-noi's rule have brought them neither freedom from intrusive government nor true independence, reliant as the

country is on outside assistance. In the past half century, the Viet-namese have fought many oppo-nents: the French, Americans, Chinese, Cambodians and, of course, one another. For all their trouble, they remain among the poorest people in the world, with per capita income of less than \$200.

The Vietnamese are ingenious, hardworking high achievers. They place great emphasis on merit and education. In some ways they are more Coofucian than the Chinese, whose economy is now stirring mightily. Yet Vietnam remains mired in bureaucracy, corruption and inef-ficiency, as Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet acknowledged when he recently

inaugurated his new government. Mr. Kiet, an economist who lost office once because be pressed too hard for reform, did not blame all or even most of the country's problems on the long-standing U.S. economic embargo. More important, the U.S. ban prevents the World Bank and other international financial institutions from providing development finance. The embargo intensifies the suffering of the people, and works against the interests of both the United States and Vietnam, But domestic forces are far more harmful to Vietnam's growth.

The greatest deterrent to progress is the dead hand of the Communist Party apparatchiks. But even the largely ill-educated cadres are beginning, like their counterparts in China, to recognize that to retain power they must give people a more comfortable life. Otherwise, some kind of uprising, or perhaps a campaign of passive resistance, might displace them.

Vietnamese apparatchiks believe blindly (and unlike the Chinese), that they can mollify widespread discon-tent while continuing to exercise iron control and denying people simple human dignity. They appear to think that they can continue to rule Vietnam as.

It is tempting to interpret the resignation of Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar of Russia as a startling rebuke to Boris Yeltsin and his program of radical economic reform. Yet even with the more cautious apparatchik Viktor Chernomyrdin in the job, reform could still go forward, although at a slower pace and on a different trajectory. And although the infighting was brutal, the result was reached democratically.

That reaffirms the wisdom of not imposing a made-in-America brand of economic policy as the test for all U.S. aid to Russia. America's basic interest lies in consolidating democracy's tenuous hold on this vast and troubled country and preventing a fate-ful turn to ultra-nationalist demagoguery. Some reform-minded Russians and Amer-

ican onlookers complain that Mr. Yeltsin might have showed a firmer hand, even a fist, in defending Mr. Gaidar. But it is also possi-ble that Mr. Yeltsin concluded that Mr. Gaidar's austerity, if left unchecked, could lead to widespread disaffection and, worse, a turn toward authoritarianism.

Wherever the truth lies -- and it is hard

A Blow to Reform

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STATE COLOR

The brutal power struggle between the Russian legislature and President Boris Yeltsin took a turn on Monday that left Mr. Yeltsin's reformist prime minister. Yegor Gaidar, out in the cold. In his place the parily anti-reform, parily slow-on-reform Congress seated Viktor Chernomyrdin, an old-line industrial manager. Whether reform has a viable future in Russia becomes even more clouded. Those who conclude that Mr. Yeltsin has been forced to play survival politics are grim. Those who believe that reform arises from the necessity of events are only marginally more hopeful, The Russian economy was already trem-bling on the brink of a hyperinflation sure to frighten off Western bankers. This is the pressing reality with which the new team must somehow deal.

The dumping of Mr. Gaidar was only one element of the political bargain that Mr. Yeltsin and the Congress struck. The other leading element was agreement by the Congress to a referendum on a new constitution next April. The existing constitution and Congress reflect the influence that hard-line Soviet Communists still held in 1990, Just how the referendum question and the list of new candidates will be composed figures to

A Democratic Change for Americans to judge from so great a distance -- U.S. interests are plainly better served by a Russian government that does not have to invent the rules as it goes along. The compromise reached by Mr. Yeltsin and the Congress over the weekend, if it bolds, could open the way to more orderly procedures by providing for a referendum on a new constitution next April.

Given the gravity of the economic crises and the limits to popular patience, many pitfalls lie ahead. And the crude demago guery and paranoia exhibited by some of Russia's parliamentarians do not inspire much confidence about the result. But, as recent political developments in Latin America suggest, democratic procedures can create democratic politicians.

Sustained American engagement and aid could help democracy along — for instance, by subsidizing a social safety net for Russian pensioners and the unemployed, and, providing technical assistance and a De-mocracy Corps of U.S. volunteers. Such engagement would show that what America wisely cares most about is not a particular blueprint but Russia's democratization. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

move to the center of Russian politics. Mr. Yeltsin remains a formidable personage, and he will surely be campaigning for a constitution setting up a stronger presiden-cy and for a new legislature responsive to his agenda of democracy and reform.

The American stake in the outcome received a bizarre underlining on Monday. Russia's outspokenly liberal foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, stunned an internauonal conference by suggesting that the Kremlin had reversed course and returned to the Cold War. Only an hour later did he explain that he was merely trying to dramatize the danger of the anti-reform challenge. It was a bad joke, and it could only have emboldened those in Moscow — not all of them reactionaries — who are already working to oust Mr. Kozyrev.

The fact remains that it matters greatly to the United States whether Russia is pursu-ing democracy and reform in company with the West — the basic Yeltsin-Gaidar-Kozyrev policy -- or whether it is going to sink into a swamp of nationalistic reaction and isolation. It is a time for the West to hold firm to its own basic policy of ensuring that the door is open, that the opportunity exists for a Russia that wants to continue its essential reformation.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Korean Landmark

South Korea's next president will not be a general, unlike virtually all his predecessors since 1961. Friday's election will mark a new advance for Korean democracy, a sain for U.S. interests and a tribute to the outgoing Roh Tae Woo, whose reforms energized political life. The election is an on for Americans to reconsider fam iar policies. There is now a strong case for shifting to a more regional approach to security, and for giving new emphasis to economic issues, especially trade barriers. Americans need not worry about any of the front-runners: Kim Young Sam, a veteran opposition figure now running as the ruling party's candidate. Kim Dae Jung, long Norea's leading campaigner for democracy and human rights, and Chung Ju Yung, founder of Hyundai, the giant conglomerate. All three men favor democracy, markets and peaceful reunification with the North. The economy is the main issue, South Korea's 5 percent growth rate this year is down sharply from the recent double-digit pace. Mr. Roh deliberately slowed growth to curb inflation and absorb wage increases. But Korea has stalled in its shift from heavily regulated. low-wage production to higher-tech, freer-market methods. Kim Young Sam, the candidate of conti-

nuity, is handicapped by this economic mal-sise. He has had trouble articulating coherent economic policies. And he pledges to har rice imports, inviting friction with the United States. But Kim Young Sam also offers continuity with the Roh government's Northern diplomacy: a combination of talks with Korean allies like Russia and China. The beart of the North-South issue is now the timetable and format for reunification. The North, aware of its isolation, looks toward a federation to preserve what it can of its regime. The South, fearful of chaotic collapse, seeks to work with neighboring powers for an orderly transition. Sustaining regional cooperation depends on Washington as well as Scoul. As America cuts back its military presence in the Western Pacific, it needs to foster new collective security arrangements. Otherwise, old conflicts between Japan, Korea, China and Russia could easily revive. For 40 years America has been South Korea's military guarantor against Com-munist aggression. An increasingly democratic, self-confident Korea calls for a different role: America as diplomatic linchpin of a regional security alliance. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

B UDAPEST - It is simple, but catastrophic in its implications, to deal with Yugoslavia in terms of "the Serbs," "the Croats," "the Mus-lima." That plays the game of ethnic politics, whose logic leads - has led - to genocide.

"The Serbs" did not invade Croang and Bosnia to create Serbian homelands and expel Croats and Bosnians. The Yugoslav National Army did that under the instructions of the Serbian government of Slobodan Milosevic. The war in Bosma now is carried on by a regime and army composed mostly of Serbs native to Bosnia, supported and directed by the Milosevic authorities in Serbia.

There are a great many Serbs who think all of this has been a criminal enterprise, which will

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end in further horrors in Serbia itself. Their time to act now has arrived. On Sunday, Serbia can rid itself of Slobodan Milosevic, end the war in Bosnia and reverse the terrible course of the past year and a half, thereby restoring Serbia to the international community of civilized and democratic nations, saving its honor.

The political and economic sanctions imposed by the United Nations, and the moral condemnation of Serbia by the democracies, can be thrown off, according to the results of the election on

Sunday for the presidency of Serbia. Mr. Milosevic seeks re-election and popular endorsement for the bloody course upon which be has set his nation. He is challenged by Milan Panic, the California industrialist who returned to his native Yugoslavia to serve as the prime minister of what now is the Yugoslav federation of Serbia and Montenegro, the entity which sur-vived the breakup of the old Yugoslav federation that existed until 199].

Mr. Panic promises -- if he wins -- to stop the war in Bosnia, end Serbian support for the "au-tonomous" Serb forces now prosecuting that war, stop "ethnic cleansing" and bring those who have committed it to justice, invite those driven out of their bornes to return, and restore the frontiers that existed before the war. He seeks a reconciliation among the Yugoslav peoples.

Has he a chance to succeed? The answer is yes: a chance. He has temporarily united what until now has been an ineffectual and divided democratic opposition, including leaders of the Orthodox Church. He has the support of Serbian industrial-ists, who understand the deep and lasting damage the war is inflicting on the national economy and the living standard of Serbia's people. He and his allies are supported by the surviving organs of a free press in Yugoslavia and now are able to make their case by radio and local or student

television in most parts of the country. Mr. Panic was initially looked upon as a well-meaning amateur who had blundered into a political drama of sordid intrigue, reckless violence and genocidal war. He came back to Yugoslavia at Mr. Milosevic's invitation, assumed to be a political nonentity who would provide plausible niernational public relations cover for Serbia.

Mr. Milosevic had vastly underestimated his man. Mr. Panic returned with awareness of what he was getting into, and has since struggled with great courage to make peace and restore justice in his native country. This is an affair not without personal danger for him and his associates. He has tried to get the United Nations to call

off its economic boycott of Serbia, on grounds that hurring ordinary people would not shift the government's policies. The United Nations has justifiably replied that the Serbian people must answer for the policies of the government they have put in place. If they wish the United Na-tions and the Western powers to lift the boycott

Europe Has to Wake Up To Burdens in the East

By Giles Merritt

BRUSSELS-Now that the Edin-burgh summit has pulled the En-ropean Community out of its political tailspin, the Community should lose no time in turning spain to its vitally important role of giving stabil-ity and leadership to its troubled neighbors in the rest of Europe.

The chief casualty of the past six months of declining confidence has not been the Community itself but the fragile new democracies of East-ern Europe. While Western Europe's leaders bickered over the fine print of integration, much of the rest of Europe has been suffering from fragmentation and collapse. Preoccupa-tion with the future shape of the Community is understandable, but averting economic crisis and perhaps worse in the former Comecon countries is far more urgent.

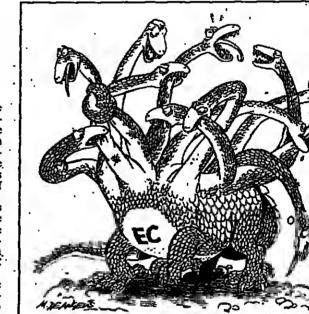
The Edinburgh summit will go down in EC annals as a substantial

Thanks to Edinburgh, the malaise that has been gripping the Communi-ty of late should quickly lift. The events of the last six months, when the Community appeared to be fall-ing apart before our eyes, will soon be remembered as a bad dream, Brussels can now be expected to snap out of its recent pessimistic slowdown. Bif if the summit has ended a crisis

of confidence. It has not solved the major problems that confront the whole of Europe. The greatest prob-lem of all is ning unrest in Eastern. Europe and the lack of a clearcut EC

security policy. West European governments are bogged down in discussion of NA-TO's future role and its relationship with the Europeans-only defense club of the Western European Union. As matters stand, NATO has no po-

litical brief adapted to the post-Cold War situation, while the political



By DE ANGELIS in Il Popolo (Romet, CAW Syndicate

their security, and on the means they Yugoslavia, there are some 14 ethnic trouble spots in Eastern Europe where violence could well break out. would use to protect it. The Community must set out rules

Other Comment

Seoul's Santa Clauses

Enemies of Mideast Peace

Blame it on the festive season or sheer lack of political will. But South Korea's three ading presidential contenders are unabashedly playing Santa Claus in a desperate bid to gain votes. The promises are coming fast, ahead of the election Friday. Ordinary Koreins have been voicing objections to some of the outrageous promises and claims. This is not surprising as so much is at stake. The new president, who will assume office in February, will face the challenging task of sustaining the country's economic miracle.

Blistering wage growth, coupled with rising union militancy, has made South Korea an unfavorable destination for foreign investors. This is taking place when the couniry's chaebols, the big business groups that played a defining role in the economic miracle, are going through a difficult time.

Unlike their counterparts in Japan and Taiwan, major Korean companies have been vlow in relocating high-cost domestic operations to cheaper locations in China and Southeast Asia. These two factors spell longterm trouble. What made Korea's economic miracle possible was a durable social contract between government, labor and big business. The overwhelming objective of the next president will be in shaping an equally effective contract for Korea's next lap. --- Business Times (Singapore).

Hit and negotiate. The strategy isn't new. But after the abduction and marder of an Israeli border guard by Islamie extremists — who have been showing in-creasing boldness in their struggle against the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza -it has been forcibly reaffirmed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Hit some, negotiate with others. What is essential, if chances for a Middle East peace are to be kept alive, is for the former general not to mistake his enemy's identity. The Palestine Liberation Organization,

which favors the peace process, has gradually given up the ground of armed struggle to the adversaries of negotiation. Yasser Arafat's leadership, which is now seen as the most moderate in the Palestinian arena, is in a difficult position, made all the more delicate by the fact that it has noth-ing concrete to offer its supporters.

In both camps, extremists and moderates are in a perilous race against the clock. Knowing it is impossible to sign a peace agreement with any organization other than the PLO, Mr. Rabin's government should he inspired to recognize, at long last, its negotiating partners for who they are: members of the PLO. If not, we may see more Black Decembers.

- Le Monde (Paris).

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achievement. Britain's adroit chair-manship patched together n deal that will probably enable Denmark and Britain to ratify the Maastricht Treaty on European Union. The summit defused a north-south tussie over the size of the EC budget and of belp for the four poorer member states. And it opened the way for enlargement to include Austria, Sweden and Norway, perhaps as soon as 1995.

Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe bas no military teeth. The need for the Community to fill the security vacuum in Europe is; increasingly clear, and the likeli-bood that member states will intervene militarily in Bosnia seems to strengthen by the day. A priority for the Community, therefore, is that its member states agree without delay on an analysis and definition of

that will help to keep the peace from the Atlantic to well beyond the Urals. That will involve taking a position on the rights of ethnie minorities and the settlement of territorial disputes. It will also mean that EC countries must agree on the sort of economic and military sanctions they are prepared to use to enforce those roles. Quite apart from the war in ex-

become the policeman of Europe. The other side of the coin, of course; is that it must dramatically step up its efforts to assist the economic development of the former Communist countries. EC economic assistance represents the major share of the almost \$50 billion that has been pledged to those countries by the West. But the reality is that much of the money is only "committed" rather than actually spent, and much is also carmarked as loans and even export credits. This year the Community's PHARE assistance program for Eastern Europe will

have spent St.3 billion. The economies of the ex-Commu-nist countries are deteriorating fast, and political devices such as the EC associate memberships granted to Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia are failing to yield genuine gains, such as access to the Community's agricultural or steel markets. The list of crisis points in Eastern Europe ranges from crippling debt burdens to factory closures and rising unemployment, pollution tevels that are choking off foreign investment, pri-vatization that has misfired and a

Europe ft should appoint an EC commissioner whose sole responsi-bility would be to oversee and direct that effort. Eastern Europe badly lacks a powerful political spokes-man within the Community. None of these matters were

touched upon at Edinburgh, where internal ills crowded almost everything else off the agenda. The next EC summit, probably in Copenhagen in June, must focus on the wider European picture. If not, the probiems of Eastern Europe may well knock the Community back off track.

rulers - and continue to act against fundamental American interests.

correspondent for the Los Angeles Times and Newsweek, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Unenchanted Critic PARIS - "La Flore Enchantée," that

immortal cenvre of Mozart, which should never be absent from the bills of a musical theatre, was revived at the Opera Comique last night [Dec. 16]. The interest of the performance lies in the interpretation, and especially in the first appearance of Mile. Sybil Sanderson in the rôle of La Reine de Nmit. Hard as it is to tell the truth to such a charming person, I must con-fess that she did not quite come up to the expectations of her admirers.

1917: Russian Armistice

GENEVA - A German telegram announces that Prince Leopold of Bavaria and the representatives of Germany's allies signed yesterday [Dec. 15] at Brest-Litovsk a 28-day armistice with Russia, to date from Dec. 17, at midday. German, Austro-Hongarian, Bulgarian and Turkish envoys are reported to have agreed to adopt a clause concerning the non-

transference of troops from the eastern front during the period of the armistice. The armistice will continue automatically beyond the time limit unless revoked by either side by seven days' notice. The signing of the armi-stice was immediately followed by the institution of peace negotiations.

1942: Hoover's Peace

CHICAGO — [From our New York edition:] Herbert Hoover proposed tonight [Dec. 16] that post-war peace making be divided into two stages to negotiate in a cool deliberate manner. The essence of my proposal is that we have no armistice, no general peace conference, such as Versailles, but that we set the peace making in two stages, the first to be an instant 'conditional peace' that will turn the world toward political, economic and spiritual recovery without the delays of last time. And then that the world. should take time to cool off and work out one by one and separately the

solutions for lasting peace.

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comment to The New York Times

conclude the agreements, the Bush administration is negotiating from weakness. Other governments need only wait for U.S. positions to soft-In its rush to wind up negotiations, the Bush administration is le-gitimizing Mr. Dunkel's illusion and en as Jan. 20 approaches. If they do not get what they want before then, insisting that any changes' in his draft be limited to minor tinketing. they can uy again afterward. Arguments that the talks must be completed now, because the law

requires the president to notify Congress of the content of the agreements by March 1, are un-convincing. The new Congress surely would extend the deadline. Mr. Bush should use his interim appointment authority to place Clinton representatives in key trade positions immediately. They could begin to develop their own view of the national interest. And Bill Clin-

ton would be in a better position to

on which to ask an extension of congressional fast track authority so that a well-reasoned agreement could be completed by late June. States more fully than a hasty Bush effort to make a deal at any cost.

The writer, a trade lawyer, was deputy U.S. trade representative from 1983 to 1985. He contributed this The Community must awake to the fact that it has no choice but to True unification has not been attained; it is not even in sight. Since

the defeat of the American-backed Saigon government in 1975, the South has been ruled almost as if it were under foreign occupation. Secu-

in effect, two countries.

rity forces are concentrated there, re-flecting Hanoi's view of it as a poten-tial hotbed of dissidence. It is difficult to deal with a government that is capricious, suspicious and arthritic. Nonetheless, the policy of opening has resulted in significant conomic progress. Vietnam now ex-ports small quantities of rice and oil. The U.S. dollar, the country's second currency, actually depreciated by 12

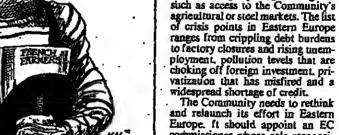
percent against the dong this year, after appreciating 88 percent in 1991. Many countries in Asia and Europe are trading and investing in Vietnam. A boom is in the making. The Bush administration on Mon-day announced a further easing of U.S. economic restrictions on Vieu-

nam, saying American firms would be permitted to sign contracts that could be executed should the embargo be lifted. However, the United States remains the odd man out. Most of its economic competitors are already established in Vietnam. The vexed issue of Americans missing in

action has kept Washington from normalizing relations, though Viet-nam offers not only economic opportunities but a counterweight to an assertive China. ft is past time for the United States

to recognize Vietnam, Americans need not forget, nor necessarily forgive, but should simply acknowledge reality and necessity. Otherwise the United States will continue to punish the Viet-namese people for the sins of their

The writer, a novelist and former Asia



No Need to Rush the GATT Package

By Robert E. Lighthizer .

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WASHINGTON - Thank goodness for French farmers. They may be irascible and are subsi-dized, but they could save U.S. trade policy from U.S. policymakers. The farmers oppose the U.S. En-

ropean Community agreement on agricultural subsidies, in which the Community promised to limit the acreage for obseed crops. The agree-ment, worked out under threat of retaliatory U.S. duties against French white wine and other products, broke a stalemate in the Unu-guay Round of GATT negotiations. By demonstrating, the farmers, I hope, give pause to America's nego-

tiators, who are rushing headlong to conclude the round before President George Bush leaves office.

Why the rush? After six years of desultory negotiations, GATT mem-bers and their constituents remain deeply divided on such new subjects as rules for protecting intellectual property, the treatment of foreign investments, fair trade in banking and telecommunications services.

Last year the GATT director general, Arthur Dunkel, defuly created the illusion that negotiations were near agreement by issuing his own complete draft text. The document would seriously weaken U.S. trade laws and come up well short of U.S. objectives in most major areas.

The problem is that he does not represent any constituents. President Bush does, but his mandate lasts for only a few more weeks. Constituents ranging from steelworkers to farmers to publishers will be significantly affected by thousands of decisions in the final phase of negotiations. The agreement will redefine the basic rules of international com-

merce for a generation and determine whether U.S. trade laws are rendered ineffective. There is no compelling reason for Mr. Dunkel and an outgoing administration to lock the world into such important

The Clinton administration will have to work with the new Congress to write implementing legislation for the agreements. Under the fast track procedure, that legislation cannot be amended by Congress,

By emphasizing its intention to

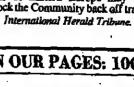
ministration work so quickly, and the new Congress cooperate so closely, on agreements with which they were not involved?

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which must vote it up or down with-in 60 to 90 days. Will the new ad-

carry on the negotiations without arbitrary deadlines or unnecessary compromises of U.S. interests. He would also have a better basis

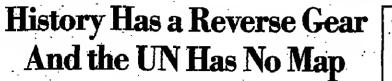
Such a transition and negotiating strategy would serve the United





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By Jim Hoagland

an diplomat observed recently, "Almost none of us have any experience at it."

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We were talking about the bloodlet-ting to the Balkans, but his remark could apply to disaster areas in Africa or Asia as well. Instead of Francis Fukuyama's "end of history." we get its return — with a twist, if not a vengeance.

In Eastern Europe, northern Iraq, Somalia, Cambodia and cx-Yugoslavia, as-sumptions built up over the course of the 20th century about sovereignty and the nation-state are under philosophical or even physical attack. Nation-building turns out not to be the irreversible march forward that many expected. U.S. Marines landing in Somalia this

In Eastern Europe, Iraq, ex-Yugoslavia, Cambodia and Somalia, assumptions built up over the years are under serious attack.

month found conditions not unlike those that greeted colonialists wading onto the same rocky shores in the 19th century. The Leathernecks found no national government, warring clans that need to be separated, and human misery that needs to be attended by outsiders

carrying medicine, food and guns. This is a disorienting trip back to a place political history was supposed to have left behind, moving in a straight line from empire, wars of national liberation, decolonization and on to independence. But the nightly fontage of the shattered streets of Mogadishu shows that history has a reverse gear, too. In nearly a score of African countries,

colonialism's supposedly civilizing im-print and the moral authority of the national liberation theories that colonialism spawned have been expunged with startling thoroughness. The material disaster of these societies is matched by moral and political debilitation.

Somalia exists as a state to news accounts and in debates at the United Nations. But on the ground it appears to be a post-national collage of borrors, in which the horizons that were supposed to progress outward from family to clan to tribe to nation to "international community" have telescoped backward into solitary, hand-to-mouth existence.

The concept of the "international com-munity," with the United Nations as its embodiment, is being temporarily strengthened by the stark needs of nations that are deconstructing themselves. Discussions about the need for a new "trusteeship" system run by the United

WASHINGTON — It is hard figur-ing out how to live in the 19th century, an experienced and able Europe-sitivities. This idea is now surging toto the months ago because of Third World sen-sitivities. This idea is now surging toto the

open as military operations organized or blessed by the UN proliferate. Speaking to UN officials, diplomats and journalists in a small village a few weeks ago, Prince Norodom Sihanouk. Cambodia's traditional ruler, employed irony to describe the situation created by the presence of 20,000 UN troops and administrators charged with keeping the peace, organizing elections and running parts of Cambodia's existing interim government: "Cambodia is no longer sovereign,"

said. "Before, we were a protectorate of France, but we had only one master. Now we are again a protectorate. The difference is that we now have many patrons, many masters ... But I know that next year we will be independent again. The United Nations will not have enough money to stay." Prince Sihanouk for once goes to the heart of the matter, not only about Cam-

bodia but about other former colonial lands as well. Will having "many patrons, many masters" from outside imposing their more diffuse vision of order and justice produce more durable effects than the era of "one master"? Or will an inter-

national body with no tangible economic or political advantages to gain by staying be even more likely to cut and run?

That is what the colonialists did, usually at a time or in a manner guaranteed to leave behind even greater disasters than those they had come to resolve. In Orwellian fashion, the disorderly European retreat from colonies after World War II was described as an exercise in

nation-building by indigenous forces, when it was the reverse: The spent colonialists usually left behind the bor-ders they drew and the state structures they organized. The price of admission to the United Nations for the new enti-

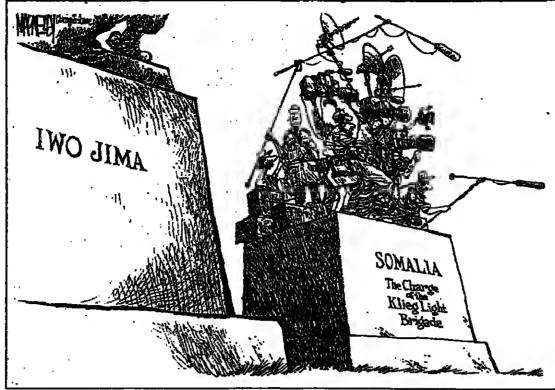
ties was acceptance of these outside, artificial arrangements. Their breakdown is increasingly visible in the wake of the Cold War, as is the fraying of the earlier outside arrange-ments of the Balkans, Mesopotamia (modern Iraq) and the Central Europe-

an lands following World War I. The broadening of the debate about international humanitarian responsibility and UN crisis management sparked

by the emerging thousand points of up-beaval around the globe is healthy. The point of departure for the debate has to be meeting the urgent needs of the peoples of Somalia, Bosnia, Cambodia and elsewhere, But, as Prince Sihanouk suggests, the still fragile toternational community has to be mindful of the limited nature of its resources and the damage it could do itself by repeating the mistakes of other well-meaning out-

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siders of a bygone century.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The UN and Somalia

The announcement of a new United Nations operation for Mozambique makes William Pfaff's article "Should the United Nations Be Taken Seriously?" (Opinion, Dec. 8) all the more timely. Mr. Pfaff argues that "the real prob-lem lies in imposing UN authority." He is right. Contempt for the UN may be the one thing most Somalis agree upon.

the one thing most Somalis agree upon. This is because of the callous indifference the UN and its specialized agencies have shown toward the Somalis' plight in the last two years. The failure of the 500 Pakistani troops

sent by the UN is widely cited in justifyschi by the ON is withly cited in Justify-ing U.S. intervention. But wby did they fail? The Security Council approved the deployment of 3,500 troops to April. On Aug. 12, Mohammed Sahnoun, the for-mer special envoy to Somalia, persuaded General Mohammed Farrah Aidid, a principal warlord, to accept the troops.

They should have been ready to leave at a moment's notice. They did not ar-rive in Somalia until Oct. 8, and then spent a month waiting for guns, blue helmets and transport, Mr. Sahnoun urged that they be seen to town and used in some capacity that would win peo-ple's trust. Instead, they brought their own cocks, seldom ventured out and when they did, they traveled in buge protected convoys, behaving like an oc-cupation army under siege. In November, they were deployed at the airport by Mr. Sahnoun's successor, without con-sultations, triggering a bloody clash. The idea that Somalia should become a UN trusteeship once the U.S. marines

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have "cleaned up" the country is laugh-able. The UN has no authority in Somalia because neither the parties to the conflict nor the Somali people have any respect for it - and for good reason, RAKIYA OMAAR.

ALEX de WAAL. London.

Rakiya Omaar was dismissed last week as director of the human-rights organiza-tion Africa Watch after she publicly op-posed the U.S. military mission in Soma-lia. Her associate director, Alex de Waal, resigned in solidarity.

Clip the Chairmen's Wings

Regarding the editorial "Term Limits Are Wrong" (Nov. 4):

I agree wholeheartedly with the argu-ment against term limitations in the U.S. Congress, Supporters of term limits are apparently attempting to curtail domi-nation by entrenched incumbents. I sug-gest this alternative:

The key legislative activities occur in congressional committees and subcom-mittees. The most influential legislators in Congress are the committee chairmen. Rather than limit the number of terms they can serve, a more democratic solution would be to open chairman-ships to direct election. At present, irmen are chosen by seniority rule and power games. Too often, they cater to parrow special interests.

If committee chairmanships were included in a general election, the parties in Congress could still nominate candi-dates, but the ultimate decision would lie with the electorate.

What should be limited is the number of committees and subcommittees upon which a congressman may serve. The typical senator now sits on 11 such committees and the average representative about seven, giving them impossible schedules and rendering committees far less effective. The result has been an unhealthy increase in the power of the committee chairmen and of unelected congressional staff members. Limiting the number of committees upon which a

representative may serve would help re-store control to legislators. MICHAEL J. MASONE.

The Root of Happiness

Regarding "Near Felicity, Listening to the Rain on a Statue's Forehead" (Opin-ion, Dec. 10) by Derek Walcott:

This article was a delight. The felicity of Mr. Walcott's prose was in its poetic nature. But he erred in attributing the word felicity to Anglo-Saxon origins. My battered Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. fifth edition, says it stems from the Latin felix, meaning happy or fruitful.

V. W. H. GREENWAY. Rome.

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Winter's Barren Landscape Looks Great Over the Mantel

By Anne Raver

some wild grapevines. "I'd make a ball of the vines and put white lights in it and hang it in my maple tree in the garden," he said. I had never thought of such a thing. but what a good idea. The holidays can be a great excuse to

get outside and look at the so-called barren winter landscape. You discover it isn't barren at all but is loaded with

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dried fruits and seed pods, berries and rose hips, curlicued stems, like the corkrose hips, curlicued stems, like the cons-screw willow, vines, grasses and catkins. Along with the usual holly, pine cones and evergreen boughs that most people are used to cutting for the mantel, there are all kinds of raw materials out there in the woods and fields, along sandy shores and roadsides and in your own backyard, if you have one.

And while you are out wandering, take along your tree book. With the leaves off the boughs, there is no better time to appreciate the magnificent shape of an aged beech tree (whose bark always reminds me of weary old elephanis), or the exfoliating bark of an old Cornus kousa, or Japanese dogwood. You notice the little things, like the funny little prickly hrown balls, or fruits, hanging from the bare branches

of a sweetgum tree. The American sweetgum (liquidambar styraciflua) is a swamp lover that will do just fine in drier soils. It is a great shade tree, with star-shaped leaves that turn yellow or brilliant or-ange and red in the fall. (These jaunts tend to extend one's wish list, which will need a few acres to accommodate.) The Chinese toon tree, Cedrela sinensis, is loaded with dried fruits shaped like little brown and tan tulips. I ad-mired one in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden the other day, and could well imagine some of its branches woven into a

wreath or table arrangement. The problem is that you cannot go laging trees in public gardens, so try to find these treasures in private gardens and get permission to do a bit of pruning. Clematis is another good source for decorations, especially vines with the silvery filigree-type seed heads, like golden clematis or Pamela Jackman.

For red berries, there are the Ameri-can and English hollies, of course, English holly has glossy green leaves and isn't as hardy as its American cousin; American holly has more of a matte finish to its leaves, and it is more susceptible to leaf miners.

Hawthorn berries are a satisfying orange-red, and nicely set off by the tree's smooth gray bark. I also like crab ap-

N EW YORK — A friend of mine was longing for a car the other day so he could get out of the city and field specks. Rose hips, especially the hig fat ones from rosa rugosa, are a good deep red, and there are plenty of climb deep red, and there are plenty of climb-ers with pretty sprays of rose hips, so head for the beaches, or your own rose garden. If you do get into dune territory, prune a little bayberry, but don't go digging up any whole plants. The fragrant gray berries are like a whilf of the country.

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Japanese beautyberry, or callicarpa japonica, is covered with violet-blue betries this time of year, and a few branches would look beautiful in a vase.

As for wreaths, use your imagination. Stephen Scanniello, the rosarian at the Bronklyn Botanic Garden, made one this year out of rambler rose canes, but; would choose something more benign like grapevines. Or try young bambon canes. Or forsythia. Anything limber. My sister mude me one of Oriental

bittersweet, and if you do not mind the orange-yellow pods dropping all over the place, it is beautiful. It is also an invasive weed, so do the environment a favor and cut as much as you wan). Wisteria can also make a good frame for a wreath, as well as another weed, Japa-nese knotweed. Wisteria's seed pods, those velvety green six-inch-long t15-centimeter) pendants, have got to be perfect for something. Maybe just hang

them on the tree, or around your neck The big dark green glossy leaves of magnolia grandiflora, with their cinnamon brown undersides, would make a powerful wreath, and the oval-shaped fruits, which open up to release salmoncolored seeds, and then turn tones of velvety gray and cinnamon, have an of-nate medieval look to them. Serve grog with this decoration.

There are also acorns and horse chestnuts, which have a rich brown sheen to them, but don't confuse them with chestnuts roasting on an open fire; these are inedible. If you have a quince iree, or can find one, put some of the yellow-green fruits in a bowl for yet another fragrance to woo the guests. It's some-where between citrus and apple.

The list goes on. Poppy seed pods, Dried yarrow, Papery hydrangea blos-soms — especially the graceful panicle bydrangea — look great in the right vase, and some people even love that blousy pink and blue one, macrophylla, But

then, some people love whisky sours. All this is just an excuse to get out and lonk at the bleak midwinter. Actually, I don't go in for a lot of dried flowers and pods and stuff. I just saw a picture in one of the glossy magazines of some designer's living room. He had about five evergreens standing where most people would put the Christmas tree Nary an ornament or a light in sight It was beautiful.

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No Concessions To U.K. or France, **China Official Says**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SELIING - Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said Wednesday that nd concessions would be made in China's disputes with Britain over Hong Kong and with France over the sale of warplanes to Taiwan. The disputes have a direct bearing on China's national interests we cannot make concessions

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on such issues," Mr. Qian said. He took a swipe at Governor Chris Patten of Hong Kong, a sign that the Chinese leadership feels it cannot work with the man who has proposed more democracy for the colony before it returns to Chinese control in 1997.

Mr. Patten is Hong Kong's last stion-and-answer session with foreign reporters.

Hong Kong is not his constituency. He does not need to go around campaigning so much."

China has threatened to nullify Hong Kong's contracts and replace its government in 1997, if Mr. Pattell goes ahead with his proposed

On the issue of French sales of Marage warplanes to Taiwan, vinces. Mr. Qian had a particuy sharp warning.

think we will necessarily have a strong reaction, both on the econemic side and on the political side." he said.

Now, the French government is all telling us that they have not officially ratified this deal. We mist wait and see what the French ife actually does."

Mr. Qian did not respond when

By William Claiborne

Washington Post Service BAIDOA, Somalia — Despite the ease with which the

joint allied expeditionary forces have seized their first three opjectives. U.S. officials continued to warn Wednesday uf

shave peril ahead as American-led troops pushed (arther into Somalia's hinterland to open channels of food to the starv-

After an anti-climactic march into the nearly deserted

streets of this south-central town at dawn Wednesday, U.S.

Marines and French Foreign Legionnaires worked through-

out the day to establisb positions around the airport, from

where they will guard food convoys against marauding

"Three times in a row we've been able to walk in peaceful-

by without a shot being fired to anger," said Colonel Fred Brck, a Marine spokesman. "I just hope it stays that way." Hc. was referring to the Marines' Dec. 9 amphibious landing in Mogadisbu, the taking of an abandoned Soviet air

base at Bali Doyle on Sunday and the unopposed securing of Baidoa on Wednesday.

hand, news organizations in each instance had heightened public expectations of volatile resistance from heavily armed

Partly reflecting a tone set in military briefings before-

pressed for specifics of what China would do. He said merely that China was waiting for France to make a formal announcement.

According to French and Taiwan news reports, the deal is signed, but the French government has declined to confirm as much publicly,

France may be waiting to see what measures, if any, China takes against the United States, which has announced plans to sell F-16 fighters to Taiwan. Since President George Bush was voted out of office last month, China has suspended its lobbying un the F-16 issue, waiting until President-elect Bill

"This issue is not over." Mr. Qian said.

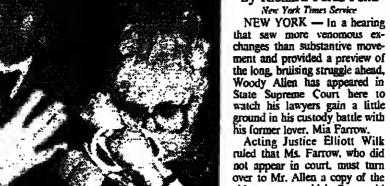
He welcomed Mr. Clinton's recent statements hinting at support for continuation of Beijing's mostfavored-nation trade status despite objections to China's buman rights practices and its sales of advanced weapons to Iran and Pakistan.

"I think Mr. Clinton's statements square with the facts." he

And Mr. Qian said the visit of the Russian president. Boris N. Yeltsin, whu is expected in Beijing on Thursday, would mark the beginning of a new era of relations. "The visit in China hy President Yeltsin will be an important one," Mr. Oian said.

"It is necessary for China and Russia tu bave discussions concerning issues of mutual interest and tu make arrangements with regard to bilateral cooperation. "This visit will be a crowning success."

(AP. Reuters)



videotape on which 7-year-old Dylan Farrow, the estranged couple's adopted daughter, reportedly says that Mr. Allen molested ber. Mr. Allen has denied the molestation claim.

By Richard Perez-Pena

The judge also turned down Ms. Farrow's request that Mr. Allen's suit for sole custody be put on hold pending the outcome of her own suit to void his claim to two of their three children.

Ms. Farrow won in a few other disputes. Justice Wilk prohibited Mr. Allen from making contact with Dylan's school and rejected his request that the court appoint a psychiatrist to treat the girl and guardians to lonk after the wel-fare of all three children until custody is resolved.

But while the judge was called upon to rule on many aspects of the case --- including whether Mr. Allen should be permitted in give birthday and Christmas gifts to the children - anger and mistrust were prevalent.

Wilk are whether Mr. Allen may Lawyers for the two sides revisit one, two or all three children pending the outcome of the case, peatedly interrupted, accusing one another or each other's clients whether he should pay Ms. Farof dishonesty, and, unwilling or unable to compromise directly, row's legal fees and whether those fees are legitimate.

MISSION: Police or Provider?

creates "zones of insecurity" out-(Continued from page 1) operation so far. "I am very pleased," said Colonel Fred Peck, a Marine spokesman. "The flow of forces is moving well," he added, saying, "We didn't get much resisside those areas. "If the arms are not collected. how can law and order be established?" Mr. Addou said, The big loser here - besides the

warlords - has been the United Nations, which has seen its peace-Asked why the first Baidoa convoy did not carry any food for the starving. Colonel Peck called the ed States. The 500 Pakistani troops

dispatched here by the United Na-tions proved ineffective and be-came bogged down in talks with warlords and other factions, and operation a military one aimed at opening and securing the route beween there and Mogadishu. the American troops have quickly

"It's not been our intention to become the food distributors," he reduced them to irrelevance. said, adding that U.S. troops would The task of political mediation be working with relief agencies to ensure that food was delivered to was supposed to fall to the UN secretary-general's special envoy, but Mr. Oakley, the American enthe countryside.

voy, managed to achieve in bours what the United Nations had not The Americans have gone beyond just allowing people to be fed," said Abdullah Ahmed Adachieved in months; a meeting and dou, a former Somali ambassador agreement between Mogadishu's two principal warlords, Moham-med Ali Mahdi and General Moto Washington, commenting on the expanded American role here. "For hammed Farrah Aidid, anyone in Somalia who enjoyed a

GROWTH: Woody Allen in Court: **OECD** Forecast (Continued from page 1) Preview of a Real Fight

appeared determined to litigate

every detail of the dispute. One of Mr. Allen's lawyers, Harvey I. Sladkus, acused Ms.

Farrow of "systematically and in-

tentionally trying to drive a wedge

between Mr. Allen and the three

children." He said that she bas,

prevented Mr. Allen from seeing Satchel Farrow, 5, the only une of the three children who is not

adopted, for more than a month,

and Dylan and another adopted.

Moses Farrow, 14. for more than

J. Martin Obten, another of

Eleanor Alter, one of Ms. Far-

row's lawyers, countered that she had hotel and telephone records

proving that, contrary to Mr. Al-len's claims, he had carried on

simultaneous intimate relation-

ships until early this year with Ms. Farrow and her adopted daugh-

The attorney again raised the matter of nude photographs of

Miss Previn taken by Mr. Allen.

"These are not model pictures," she insisted. "These are Polaroid pictures of a young woman with her legs spread, naked."

Lawyers on both sides accused each other's clients of lying on statements of their net worth that

were submitted to the courts -

statements showing Mr. Allen

with assets of more than \$16 mil-lion and Ms. Farrow with more

Still to be resolved by Justice

than \$3.8 million.

ter, Soon-Yi Farrow Previn.

Mr. Allen's lawyers, asserted that

Ms. Farrow had shown the video-

tape of Dylan to friends.

four months.

national product was likely to shrink by 0.5 percent in 1993. Recovery in Japan, Mr. Shigehara said, also risks being more hesitant than the 2.3 percent

growth furecast in the report. For the OECD countries as a group, the outlook is unchanged, because the adjustments for the largest three countries will tend to cancel out, Mr. Shigehara said. Thus, the overnil outlook on growth remains a gloomy 1.9 per-cent next year, advancing to 2.9 percent by 1994.

Mr. Shigehara said the OECD had not yet calculated what effect lower growth in Germany would have on the prospects for the rest of Europe.

But the data in the Economic Outlook was already morose, with European growth in 1993 seen virtually unchanged from this year's 1 percent and unemployment expected to rise and remain stuck through 1994 at 10.6 percent of the labor force — or 20.2 million people — from this year's 9.9 percent. "Many uf those who become un-

employed over the next two years will drift into long-term unemployment, with all that entails in terms of erosion of skills and morale, and financial hardship," the OECD said.

Despite this somber forecast of weak growth and rising unemployment, the report advised govern-ments to resist the urge for a quick fix, trying to spend their way in a recovery.

The Economic Outlook emphasized the need to maintain "a sound and stable macroeconomic environment to support growth over the medium term."

In the OECD's view, "it is difficult to see how consumer and busi-ness confidence can be restored un-less the authorities deal effectively with unsound public-sector financial positions."

Acknowledging that "a number of countries" were contemplating such moves, the report said it was "imperative" that any fiscal expan-sion "be botb temporary and ac-companied by a credible commitment to unwind it when the economy picks up.

"While the recovery is relatively slow," the OECD said, "it may be more sustainable than past recoverics. By locking io low inflation and keeper role supplanted by the Unit- avoiding fiscal imbalances, the ed States. The 500 Pakistani troops overheating that contributed to ending past expansions may be avoided."

The only OECD area-wide improvement projected is oo the inflation front - falling from 3.5 percent this year to 3.2 percent next year and 2.5 percent hy the end of 1994.

Based on present trends, the OECD sees inflation in the United States and Japan running at 1.7 percent by the end of 1994 and area-wide inflation at a 30-year low of around 21/2 percent.

Germany is the exception, with inflation scen easing to 4.6 percent oext year and to 3.3 percent in

Airport in Famine Belt Is Taken Without a Fight Mogadishu and Bali Dogle, outgunned militiamen in their makeshift fighting vehicles, or "technicals," quietly with-drew northward toward the Ethiopian border Tuesday night.

Woody Allen, after attending a pretrial hearing in his custody battle with Mia Farrow.

A ragtag contingent of security guards, who for months had extracted extortionary landing fees for relief agency aircraft bringing in emergency (ood, quietly surrendered their weapons and were escorted off the airfield by Marines,

In each case the pattern was the same: The gunmen, apparently monitoring the U.S. forces' announcements of their intentions, engaged in last-minute sprees of looting and blood-feud attacks on their antagonists and then withdrew without trying to challenge the vastly superior forces.

The Marines, in full combat readiness and briefed to expect to have to engage in street fighting, in each case appear to have been surprised to find more journalists and camera operators in their path than anyone else.

When asked whether his worst fears of being drawn into conflict with the gunmen were over, the U.S. special envoy,

Robert B. Oakley, said Wednesday: No. We're proceeding one step at a time. We are prepar-ing very carefully on the military side and the political side, but we can't say that the example of Mogadishu and Baidoa will be repeated elsewhere."

Mr. Oakley was apparently referring to Bardera and Kismayu, two towns in which eleventh-hour looting and handitry bave been reported to be increasing, as they did in Baidoa just befure the mechanized column moved into town

With the securing of Baidoa. Colonel Peck said, the first phase of Operation Restore Hope has been completed, and the allied forces will gradually proceed to secure eight bumanitarian aid centers around Somalia's famine belt from which to bring food to the hungry.

As reporters and photographers scrambled to record the first emergency food convoy to leave Baidoa's airport since the Marines' arrival, token shipments of grain were trucked to an orphanage here and a warehouse on the outskirts of town — neither of which was significant in light of the thousands of tons that are moved out of the airport every

But, as with the case of a convoy of food trucked across Mogadishu with a U.S. escort earlier this week, the Wednesday shipment was heavy with symbolism, since it marked a first for the Marines.

Mr. Oakley has been meeting periodically with some of Somalia's factional warlords, including General Mohammed Farrah Aidid, who controls most of Mogadishu, and his chief rival, Mohammed Ali Mahdi, who controls an enclave in the oorth of the city and who calls himself interim president.

Referring to the two warlords, Mr. Oakley said: "Three weeks ago, the two main elements bere in Mogadishu were at war with each other. If you think about how long it took the North and the South to get together at War, you realize these people are moving at the speed of

Clinton takes office.

militiamen who have been adrift since Somalia's bitter twovear civil war played itself out before the Marines' arrival. As they had done just before the allied forces arrived in Wednesday.

ee of power of weapons - I think reality is different today, and tomorrow it will be even more different."

The Americans' assertion of

ISRAEL: Militants to Be Expelled MARKET: Latest Line Doesn't Sell on Moscow Streets power has been accomplished without U.S. casualties, confounding -

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gamen,

gal point of view, some steps may be interpreted by some foreign observers as inappropriate. But looking at the content of the steps it will be seen as reasonable and serving a ustifiable cause."

"We are going to look around to ind the most severe steps Israel is allows to reduce - if not evaprate - to reduce the operational effectiveness of Hamas and the Is-limic Jihad," the official said.

The intensity of this series of events is unacceptable," he said, eferring to the uttacks on Israeli military targets. More than 1,600 Hamas activists

and followers were in custody Wednesday as Israeli patrols coninued to search for armed gangs hat carried out the recent attacks. afficials said that most of those Jetained were political and spirituil leaders and activists, not the hard-core guerrillas who carried out the attacks.

According tu an Israeli source, the Hamas deportees will be expelled for one and a half or two years, after which they may be permitted to return. In addition, the source said, the families of the deportees will be allowed to appeal the expulsions immediately to Isracl's high court.

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official auctions of state-owned factories, they began to climb up The decision to resume deportaagain slowly. But the value of the tiuns marks a shift for Mr. Rahin, voucher has fallen again on Moswho in August canceled the cow's infant stock exchanges, and planned expulsion of 11 Palestinthe best Pavel could offer his cusians from the occupied territories tomers was 6,000 rubles. as a conciliatory gesture.

The deportations had been or-Pavel, who declined in give his last dered by the previous government name. "I'm worried too. If those of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir who do serious business don't want and had drawn intense internationto put their money in vouchers, they must know something." In a resolution passed Jan. 6 with

"As far as I can tell, Chernomyrthe support of the United States, din is not of the same view as Gaithe United Nations Security Council, using some uf the harshest landar.

guage ever against Israel, strongly In his case, huying vouchers on condemned the planned deportathe street, and selling them to bro-

6,000 rubles a week, much more (Continued from page 1) than at his old state joh. all Russian citizens last Oct. 1 as.

"What we have to do now is their share in the national wealth. accumulate capital," said Pavel's colleague, who declined in give his fssued at a face value of 10,000 ruhles (\$23.80), the vouchers had name. "But then the question will tumbled to 4,000 in street trading be where to put it."

until recently, when with the first Lyudmila, a 44-year-old unemployed teacher who comes to Luzhniki twice a week, also had a bad day, selling only six band-knit baby ontfits, for 600 ruhles apiece.

seem to know what it wants to do next," Lyudmila said. "The prob-"There is no certainty now," said lem is that this transition is taking such a long time. These reforms are going so slowly, and in the meantime, it is very difficult for people to live."

Across town, Irina Pogribnaya was spending part of the afternoon

the goods beyond the reach of the ordinary Russian, particularly those on government sa alaries. But even if the glitter is more than they can afford, the people

strolling through the mall were not complaining about its existence. Most agree that this influx of imported goods, and the glimpse of the good life, has been one of the benefits of the economic changes last year

"The government itself does not Like Lyudmila, Mrs. Pogribnaya, 40, has taken up trading to lement the family income. With three small children, she can devote only a few days a week to her husiness, which consists of selling food produce outside her local subway station.

In a good week, she brings home 14,000 rubles, enough to keep herbrowsing through Petrovski Pas-sage, a turn-of-the-century mall in self smartly dressed, to pay for her children's private music and Eng-lish lessons, and to keep up with the the heart of Moscow that is now restored and filled with two floors inflation that has been steadily riskers is a way in earn from 5,000 to of gleaming boutlques. Most of the ing all year.

at least so far - the predictions of stores sell for dollars only, putting warlords here and military analysts in the United States that the loss of American lives was likely. The dominant position now taken by the United States in Somalia

- and the new weakness of the warlords - has led to heightened expectations and demands that have caused confusion about the Americans' role.

For example, on the question of disarming the warlords' gangs and others in a country where guns are abundant, U.S. military officials bere insist that they are confiscating weapons only in those limited areas under the control of U.S. forces, and then only if the troops decide that a person carrying weapons consultutes a threat.

But many Somalis and relief officials say the U.S. policy does not extend far enough. They argue that the forces should establish checkpoints to collect all firearms. Otherwise, creating "zones of security" around the U.S.-controlled areas

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PRE-ELECTION ARREST — The police in Taipei arresting an opposition supporter Wednes-day as protesters clashed with officers guarding the headquarters of the Knomintang, the governing party. Opposition legislators accused the Knomintang of dishonest real estate dealings. Parliamentary elections are set for Saturday, with 348 candidates seeking 125 seats.

Rebels Abduct 19 UN Soldiers

Khmer Rouge Again Undercuts Peace Effort Thom Province, a band of Khmer three rebel factions' that joined last

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BANGKOK - Khmer Rouge guerrillas have taken bostage UN peacekeeping troops in central Cambodia in the second such incident this month, the United Netions announced Wednesday.

The scizure of the 19 peacekeep-ers, along with two Cambodian translators working for the United Nations, led foreign diplomats in Cambodia to wonder how much longer the Cambodian peace settle-ment can survive if the Khmer Rouge rebels cootinue in violate terms of the cease-fire by barassing UN troops.

The peacekeepers taken hostage in the new incident — 15 Indone-sians and one each from the United States, China, France and Senegal - were reportedly beiog beld about 10 kilometers east of the city of Kompong Thom, north of

was optimism that, as in the earlier incident this month, that they would be freed unharmed within a

few days. A UN spokesman, Eric Falt, said officials in the Phnom Penh office of the Khmer Rouge insisted that they knew nothing about the seizure. "But they swiftly issued an order from Phnom Penh ordering their release." he said.

Mr. Falt said the local Khmer the navy.

Rouge rebets took six peacekeeping year in signing a UN peace treaty intended to end Cambodia's nearly troops bostage for three days before releasing them, unharmed, oo orders of Khmer Rouge command-13-year-old civil war. But in violation of the terms of The new hostage-taking incident began Tuesday, wheo Khmer Rouge guerrillas captured two United Nations military observers

- the French and Chinese soldiers. When the two did not return to base on Wednesdey, 17 other peacekeeping troops and the two ese invasion. transletors went to find them, and

they were also taken hostage. The Khmer Rouge, responsible for the deaths of more than 1 million Cambodians when it controlled the central government in the 1970s, is the most powerful of

the settlement, the Khmer Ronge has refused in disarm its troops, insisting that it will not demobilize until it has proof that Vietnamese troops oo longer remain in Cambodia. The Khmer Rouge government was toppled in 1979 in a Vietnam-

> The United Netions has placed 22,000 peacekeeping troops, police officers and civilian administrators in Cambodia to prepare the nation for elections scheduled for next spring. The Khmer Rouge has said that it does not intend to participate in the election.

Rodríguez Martín-Granízo, Diplomats and UN officials said the peacekeepers appeared to be in no immediate danger, and there was and there are and there

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chairman of the Spanish joint chiefs of staff, died of a stroke Wednesday, the Defense Ministry Celia Gamez, 87, one of the most Admiral Rodriguez Martin-

popular singers in Franco Spain and a well-known apologist for the Falangist, regime, has died in her. native Buenos, She had long been retired and had suffered from Alz-Granizo, who was hospitalized Tuesday, assumed the chairmanheimer's disease for several years. ship in May 1990, after 43 years in Miss Gamez was best known for

Malaysia Near Deal **On Russian Aircraft NATO Restrictions Prompt**

A Turn to New Arms Sources

By Michael Richardson tional Herald Tribune

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysia appears close to a decision to end is reliance oo Western arms by buying jet fighters and attack helicopters from Russia, partly be-cause the United States and other North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries put restrictions on the sale of advanced weapons in developing nations. The Malaysian defense minister,

Najib Razak, said that Russia had offered to supply its most sophisticated aircraft, engines, avionics and missiles at substantially cheap-er prices than their Western coun-

terparts. Mr. Najib also seemed to rule out U.S. and French planes as serious contenders in the competition with the Russian MiG-29 to pro-vide Malaysia with a new geoeration air defense fighter.

He said that a number of weapons used by the U.S. Air Force and Navy would not be permitted for Malaysia, which is not a NATO nation.

Certain types of U.S. equipment, such as C-130 transport planes and F-5 fighters in service with the Malaysian armed forces, were readily

"But if we want Phoenix air-toair missiles, there are a lot of questions," he said in an interview. "I am ool sure whether things like, that would be allowed for Malay-

Western military officials said Malaysia was expected to buy per-haps 24 MiG-29s and six Hind helicopter gunships from Russia in a deal worth more than \$500 million.

The end of the Cold War and the emergence of a democratic govern-ment in Moscow has given Malaysia the flexibility to turn away from traditional arms suppliers in the Some Malaysian analysis also

link the turn to Russia as part of an anti-Western attitude, particularly toward the United States, that Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mo-hamad has adopted oo a oumber of

However, Mr. Najib denied any such motivation, saying that Ma-leysia continued to have close cooperation with the United States in defense, trade, investment and edu-

"Our criticism of the U.S. is is-sue-oriented," he said. "It is not anti-American per se."

A sale to Malaysia would be the first to Southeast Asie by Russia, which is promoting arms sales to gain foreign exchange to pay for imports.

Analysts said it would be an im-

into this market because it is one of the few areas of the world where military sales are growing," said a Western defense attache. "If Malaysia successfully operates Russian combat aircraft, other non-Communist countries in Asia might follow." China is already a significant

customer for Russian arms, and further sales are likely to be discussed during a visit to Beijing by Boris N. Yeltsin, the Russian president, starting Thursday.

Analysts said that the Philippines, Indonesia, South Korea and Vietnam were also potential cus-tomers for Russian military equip-

The Russian oews agency Inter-fax quoted Defense Ministry sources in Moscow last week as saying that talks were under way with South Korea for the sale of multiple-rocket launchers, anti-aircraft systems, the So-25 ground al-tack aircraft and the Su-27 inter-

Interfax also qunied Pyour O. Aven, the Russian economic relations minister, as saying that Moscow "had effectively" reached an agreement with Malaysia on the sale of 30 MiG-29s.

However, Mr. Nejib said that negotiations had not been concluded, although be boped that a final decision could be made soon, nace remeining technical questions about the operating life of the MiG-29 engine and maintenance of the aircraft were resolved.

He said that Kuala Lumpur was insisting that it be given the train-ing to service and repair the MiG-29 in Malaysia.

"The primary concern is the fu-ture reliability of Russia as a de-fense supplier." said Mak Joo Nam, senior military analyst at the Institute of Strategic and Interna-tional Studies in Kuala Lumpur,

lodia, which bought both MiG-29s and Hind helicopter gunships from the former Soviet Union, complained this year about a shortage of spare parts because of disorganization of the defense industry following the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Najib said that there had been "a lot of disinformation" about the MiG-29, which he linked to "certain sectors that are not comfortable" about Malaysie buying the aircraft.

He noted that Malaysia had bought arms from Britain and the United States in the past. "Even if we buy from the Russians," he said, "it does not preclude us buying from the Americans for certain oth-

er types of products which are available to us." But Mc Najih asserted that the

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Extinction Theories In Worst Case, Clues Point to Volcano

By Malcolm W. Browne New York Times Service

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EW YORK - A quarter billion years ago. something so terrible happened on Earth that up to 96 percent of plant and animal species were wiped out. The cause of this greatest of all global catastrophes remains unknown. but evidence is mounting that the main culprit was a volcanic eruption that covered much of Siberia with molien rock, touching off an ice age and a worldwide deluge of lethal acid rain.

This mass extinction, which occurred at the end of the Permian period, was the subject of papers presented last week at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union and in the journal Science.

Earth clean of animal groups from irilobites in the ocean to ferocious

reptile carnivores living on land. The "great dying," as some scien-tists call it, radically changed the history of life on the planet. It ush- out up to 96 percent opened ecological niches for a host of plant and ered most species into oblivion but animal species. of the Mesozoic era that followed.

Like the other episodes of mass estinction discovered in the fossil

record, the deadly wave of Permian extinctions has acid rain. This, coupled with climatic changes or the excited endless speculation as to what caused it. But loss of habitats, could have snuffed out many species. few hard facts have turned up. One reason is that it occurred so long ago that many possible clues have been obliterated by geological processes. Some scientists believe the disasters may have been caused by meteorites or comets crashing on the Earth. All modern impact theories have their roots in a 1979 discovery hy Dr. Walter Alvarez of the University of Califor-

nla at Berkeley and his colleagues. The researchers discovered a thin layer of iridiumenriched sediment separating sediments laid down during the Cretaceous period, when dinosaurs flourished, from the later Tertiary period, when dinosaurs had disappeared.

·Iridium, a precious metal belonging to the platinum group of elements, is more abundant in meteorites than in terrestrial rocks, and many experts regard the abnormally high content of iridium in strata laid down at the Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary as strong evidence of an extraterrestrial impact,

But no such sharp iridium anomaly has been found in sediments coinciding with any of the other mass extinctions. Moreover, iridium is often found in association with volcanic eruptions, particularly in the Siberian Traps, a region known for its rich ores of platinum-group metals, including iridium. This fact has helped to keep scientific debate buhhling.

Even the causes of much more recent extinctions, including the event that ended the Cretaceous period 65 million years ago and wiped out the dinosaus, remain uncertain and disputed because of ambiguities and gaps in the fossil and geologic records. The Permian extinction, nearly four times as old as the Cretaceous extinction, is all the harder to decipher.

Nonetheless, an important new elue has emerged to what may have been a major or even principal cause of the Permian extinction. It has come from study of a geological formation called the Siberian Traps, an expanse of volcanic rock 870 miles (1,400 kiilometers in diameter that borders Lake Baikal.

Floods of volcanic basalt often have a terraced appearance, and the geological term "trap" is derived

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from the Swedish word for "stairs." Although the ages of the vast Siberian lava field and the Permian mass extinction were apparently similar, convincing evidence was lacking that these ages actually coincided. An international group of scientists has now found

that the eruptions that created the flood of molten basalt in the Siberian Traps occurred in something less than 600,000 years, beginning 248 million years ago. Their study also showed that the Siberian cruptions were probably violent enough to blast immense

amounts of dust and aerosol droplets into the upper atmosphere, where they could have blocked sunlight for a long time, thereby drastically cooling the Earth and causing polar ice caps to grow at the expense of the seas' liquid water.

There seem to have been rapid and large fluctua-tions in global sea levels during this period, they The devastating Permian catastrophe swept the reported, which would have drastically upset habitats. especially of many marine organisms. Such a situation could explain why the Permian extinctions were

much more severe for marine animals than land animals. The scientists have found, more-over, that the volcanie blasts that created the Siberian Traps would

have converted immense quantities of sulfate minerals into sulfur dioxide gas and sulfurie acid likely to fall back to Earth in the form of

The new evidence was reported last week by Dr. Gerald K. Czamanske of the U.S. Geological Survey at Menlo Park, California, in the journal Science, and in a talk he gave at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco.

Dr. Czamanske, with two Australian colleagues and two Russian scientists, used an ultrasensitive and carefully calibrated dating technique to gauge the ages of ancient minerals.

They did this by measuring the extent to which uranium and thorium m the minerals had been transformed by radioactive decay to various forms of lead.

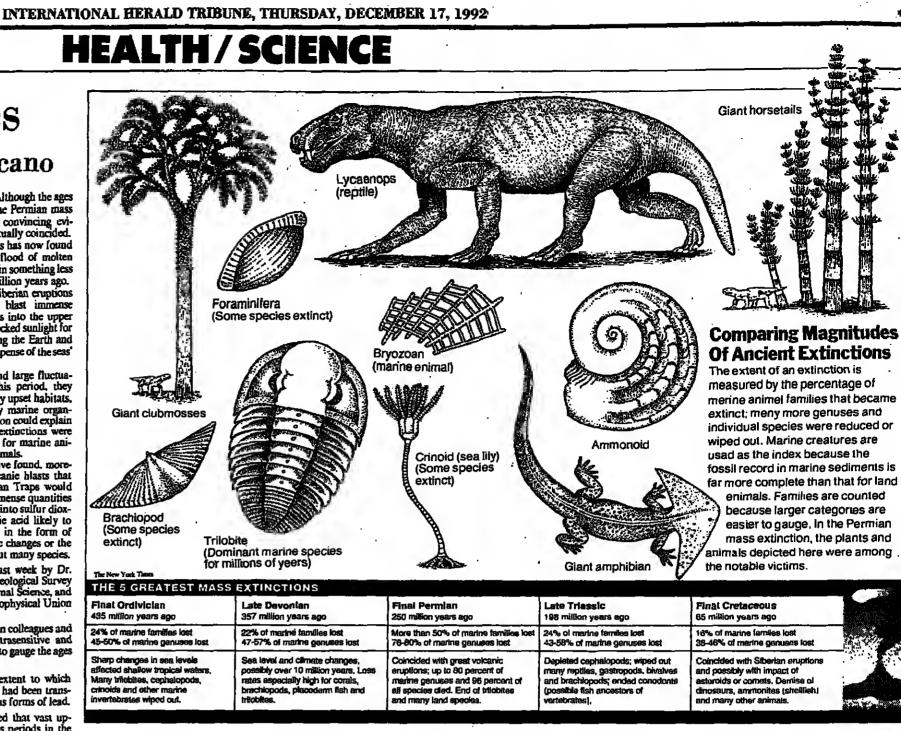
Some scientists have long theorized that vast upwellings of volcanic basalt at various periods in the past caused major mass extinctions. in 1988 Dr. Michael R. Rampino and Dr. Richard

B. Stothers of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center said in an article in Science that 9 of the 10 greatest mass extinction events of all time more or less coincided with continental floods of volcanie basalt in various parts of the world, and that these extinctions might have been caused by volcanism.

The most famous mass extinction, generally ranked about fifth in overall severity, was the Cretaceous event, the catastrophe that exterminated the dino-saurs. This occurred about the time of a huge eruption in what is now India, a great lava flood that created a ormation called the Deccan Traps.

But at about the same time, many geologists believe, one or more asteroids or comets struck Earth.

Some scientists believe that such impacts alone caused the Cretaceous extinction. Others believe the impacts were simply the final blow to Cretaceous animals and plants already weakened by environmental stresses. Another group, including many paleontologists, believes the evidence that extraterrestrial impacts caused mass extinctions is too weak to accept as conclusive. and straight in the growth internation



You Are How You Wait: Queue Psychology

By Melcolm Gladwell Washington Post Service

niles: ASHINGTON -1. You are how you wait. People spend hillions This is the most fundamental of of hours a year waiting in lines, during all queue principles. Left to its own fret, fidget, scowl and in devices, Homo sapiens does not which they fret, fidget, scow] and in general totally miss the larger an-thropological significance of what queue. And in certain parts of the world, particularly southern Eu-rope and Latin America, the practhey are doing. Fortunately, in the last decade tice is virtually unknown.

Queuing is an acquired social trait sociologists, psychologists and economists have developed intri-cate — and often entertaining — theories to show that queues that began — and was compulsively developed — in Britain during World Wars I and II and passed on seemingly the most banal of mod- to the United States, Canada and

fairness and justice.

culturally specific principles of has to do with time, in cultures that Israeli researcher, Jacoh Hornik, gage handlers, it simply hegan are not obsessed with punctuality or "wasted" time, chaotic lines for These systems, they say, have services are considered less of a problem. When Robert Levine, a psychologist at California State University at Fresno, studied the notoriously nonquening Brazilians, he found they had far fewer clocks and watches per capita than similarly developed societies - and those they had were less likely to be accurate.

A more important factor in queuing is the extent to which a culture values equality. In some Arab countries, where women hold a subordinate position, it is common for men to cut in front of omen at ticket windows - a practice fraight with danger in North

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He timed how long each of 640 people stood in grocery store checkout lines. Then he asked them how long they thought they had waited. On average, perceptions of the waiting period were about 30 percent longer than the real waiting Such research has an unhappy

codes of conduct. effect. Some businesses have dis-City University of New York barged into 129 queues around New York and recorded the imcovered that they can improve customer satisfaction by concentrating as much or more on reducing per-ceived waiting time than on reducpressions of those standing behind ing actual waiting time. Thus in the them. 1940s and '50s, when high-rise ho-

What they found was that the person most likely to object to an incusion; was the one directly betels and office buildings began to get persistent complaints about waiting times for elevators, they hind the jatruder. Even though people standing two or three or four places behind the intrusion point are did not speed up the elevators. They simply put mirrors next to the ust as m

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parking its planes at the other end of the terminal, so that everyone walked seven minutes, and those who checked bags only had to wait

an additional minute to get them. The complaints stopped, 3. Lines have inherent social structure, with their own rules and

Several years ago, researchers at

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kinds of lines in banks and railroad stations are what are known as from the Houston airport, where a multiserver queues, where each serving station has a separate wait-ing line. By contrast, in the last major airline recently got a spate of complaints from passengers arriv-ing on morning flights about how long they had to wait to pick up decade. U. S. banks, railroads, airlines and some fast-food restaurants have switched over to what is. their known as the "snake" line, where that the supposedly objectionable wait was about eight minutes -all stations are served by one sinprecisely the industry average. Why the complaints? Disemgle-file line. The difference is not efficiency.

It's fairness. In the multiserver sysbarking passengers, the airline dis-covered, had only a one-minute walk to get to either the exit or the tem, a customer lucky enough to pick a fast line can get served ahead of someone who has been waiting luggage carousel. Those with lug-2. It is not how long you have to wait that makes you trittable, it is how long you think you had to wait. gage then had to wait another seven minutes to get their bags — which meant they had to watch as every-one who didn't check any baggage got a jump on the business day. The airline didn't hire more bag-This seemingly self-evident principle was recently confirmed by an

to make person butting in, their rates of comappear to go faster. A more modern example comes

plaint were minimal This, the researchers surmised, is one of the unwritten rules of the queue: The person closest to the intruder is the one responsible for objecting. Why is this? Because if bags. The airline discovered anyone other than that person objects, he or she would have to leave the queue to do it, threatening the integrity of the line still further and raising the possibility of a general

fracas It is the implicit understanding of queue participants, the researchers reasoned, that the line has to be protected against the appearance of disorder. Its resilience "depends not only on its capacity to defend against disturbances, but also its capacity to ignore, adjust to, and tolerate them," they wrote.



By Daniel Goleman

EW YORK — People with many friends or family ties tend to live longer than loners. Heart attack victims who have emotional support survive longer than those who do not. The mind has many subtle influences on the body, and a spate of new studies are seeking to explore further the nature of this mysterious axis.

"Your closest relationships seem to matter most for your health," said Dr. Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, a psy-chologist at Ohio State University Medical School who has just completed a study showing that marital lights can weaken the immune systems of couples, She and other researchers are trying to find out how the body turns states of mind like close relationships

into a biological advantage that improves health. The evidence to date points to physiological mechanisms Heart attack

"What is it that happens in a Victims with family social network that makes such a or friends or friends survive difference for health?" asked Dr. Sheldon Cohen, a psychologist at Carnegie Mellon University. To longer than loners. find the answers, Dr. Cohen joined

forces with Dr. Jay Kaplan, a psy-chiatrist at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who studies stress in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who studies stress in macaque monkeys.

. In their research, 40 male macaques were randomly assigned either to stable or shifting groups, the latter having three or four new monkeys added to their cage every month. For macaques, joining a new group of monkeys is highly agitating and stressful; the males threaten each other until a dominance hierarchy is established

Yet even under the duress of the struggle for dominance, some monkeys remained friendly. "These mon-keys touched other monkeys more, groomed their cage-mates or simply sat close to them," Dr. Cohen said. "In monkeys, those are all gestures of affiliation

After 26 months of shifting groups and fights for dominance, the friendliest monkeys were found to have stronger immune responses while the most hostile and aggressive monkeys had the poorest.

mune system," said Dr. Kiecolt-Glaser, She has been studying couples with her husband, Dr. Ronald Gla-ser, an immunologist and associate director for re-search at Ohio State University Medical School.

In their study, 90 couples were brought into a laboratory and asked to resolve an issue of disagree-ment. Continuous blood monitoring for 24 hours allowed their immune responses to be measured during and after the discussion.

"We found a far stronger effect on the couples immune system than we ever expected," said Dr. Kiccolt-Glaser. Those couples who had most hostility and negativity during the discussions showed a drop on eight immune measures for the next 24 hours. The more hostile you are during a marital argument, the harder it is on your immune system." Since the couples in the laboratory tended to have

rather mild disputes, Dr. Kiecolt-Glaser says, she expects the immune defects would be even more pronounced in real marriage spats. It is not, of course, the sheer number of relationships in a person's life that seem to offer a buffer

against stress so much as the quality of those connections. For example, a study of college

students found that the more room-

"It's the most important relationships in your life, the people you see day in and day out, that seem to be crucial for health," said Dr. John Cacioppo, a psychologist at Ohio State University who did the roommate

study with Mary Snydersmith, a graduate student. But not all relationships are of equal significance. "If you have a romantic partner, we found, how you're getting along with your partner matters far more for your health than does how you like your roommate."

Dr. Cacioppo said. In a study of 194 elderly men and women who had

suffered heart attacks, those who had two or more suffered heart attacks, those who had two or more sources of emotional support were found to be twice as likely to survive longer than a year after the attack than those with no support, according to a report in The Annals of Internal Medicine. The study, lod by Dr. Lisa Berkman, an epidemiolo-gist at Yale University Medical School, found that of the patients who snid they had two or more people they could count on only 27 present died within the

they could count on, only 27 percent died within the first year of the heart attack. But of the patients who from stress, consider what a fight does. "How couples' reported no such close supports, 58 percent died bandle their discorregements seems to affect their im-

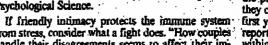
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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER **Keeping Women at Work** With Flexible Schedules

By Faye Fiore

By Thomas L. Friedman New York Timer Service LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - President-elect Bill

Clioton's economic conference ended with a consensus on the need to spur growth in the short term and reduce the deficit over the long haul, but with a welter of contradictory advice on bow to achieve these goals. Mr. Clinton took in all the comments from the economists, business executives and labor leaders gath-ered in Little Rock. But be refrained from tipping his hand over what approaches he intended to take at first.

Participants proposed solutions ranging from spending a few million dollars to spending 560 billion on roads, bridges and education training to help create jobs and jolt the economy. And they suggested various timetables for slashing the deficit; some would start at once, others would phase in cuts, starting several years from cow.

But with all the give and take during the two-day conference that ended Tuesday, Mr. Clinton did oot address the most difficult economic issue and perhaps the hardest political question he will face as president: Which government programs should be cut and which taxes should be raised to lower the budget deficit?

preneurs, who create the most jobs, can flourish. This could be done to some extent through deregulation. And, finally, be said, there was a consensus that there was a "huge undercapacity" in the economy, so that the threat of inflation from some increased government spending was minimal. Therefore, he added, the Federal Reserve should not raise interest rates as

soon as growth picks up. About the only policy issue on which Mr. Clinton committed himself was his intent to make controlling

health-care costs his top priority. Among the experts, there was even a disagreement over metaphors and similes, Isabel Sawhill, senior fellow of the Urban Institute, said slow productivity growth was the "camer" killing the economy, while, Henry Aaron, director of economic studies at the Brookings Institution, said the souring deficit was the slow, wasting disease" sapping the economy's strength. James Tobin, 8 Nobel Prize-winning economist who erved on President John F. Kennedy's Council of

worried about recession, put off buying oew cars.

Germany's carmakers, saddled with some of the highest costs in the world, have had to contend with an unexpectedly sharp slow-down to the economy which has choked domestic demand.

"The German economy burst like a soap bubble," said Edzard Reuter, Daimler's chairman.

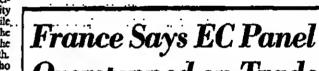
pean currencies against the Deut-sche mark has also made German

cars a year from a current capacity of 100,000.

Rover Group of Britain, in which Honda has a 20 percent stake, said on Tuesday it planned to increase output at its Cowley plant near Oxford by 50 percent next year. Nissan also plans to increase British production to 270,000 in

1993 from 179.000 in 1992 Imports of Japanese cars are re-

stricted under a pact with the European Commission allowing the European market share of Japanese cars to increase to 16 perceot by 1999 from about 11 percent now.



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OS ANGELES --- For American professional women, the conflict between work and family dates at least from the emergence of feminism. But economic circumstances are finally beginning to imbue some women with the power to manage the conflict to their advantage. Perhaps for the first time since women broke into the corporate club, they are using their leverage to demand jobs that accommodate them. They are negotiating flexible work schedules, scaling back to 20-

bour weeks and working from computers at home. Companies downsizing anid the economy's

relentless squeeze are increasingly receptive to women's of- Resistance probably fers to job-share, sacrifice health stems from an age-old benefits and forgo rises in exchange for a little more time work ethic. with their children.

With 45 percent of the Ameri-

can work force made up of women, observers said corporate America was waking up to the idea that the rigid 9-to-5 day and 40-hour week are luxuries that it can no longer alford --- not if it hopes to retain women workers who have become pillars in its ranks.

"You cannot cut out half the labor force and expect to be a successful corporation," said Charles Boesel, spokesman for the Women's Bureau at the U.S. Department of Labor. "If you want to retain the best and the brightest, you have to hire women and have programs in place that keep them happy." The U.S. labor force is growing older. More men are retiring at

one end and more women are entering at the other. Women will make up two-thirds of the net gain in workers by 2005; threefourths will become pregnant during their working lives, according to Department of Labor forecasts.

In a survey of 1,400 women conducted this year by the Ms. Foundation for Women and the Center for Policy Alternatives in New York, one-quarter said that their greatest personal struggle was inflexible work hours.

Germany, France and Sweden have been belping parents balance career and family since the 1960s with flexible work hours. In the United States, though, only a sliver of the work force can opt for anything less than a rigid, full-time schedule.

Those who are cutting such deals tend to be onliege-educated See FLEXIBLE, Page 13

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As for the former Soviet Union. whose debt situation is covered for the first time in this year's World Debt Tables, the bank warned that its "payments difficulties are likely to persist in the near future" even though the country is "only moderately indebted".

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By Carl Gewirtz

countries that began 10 years ago is

effectively over. But the World Bank warned Wednesday in its an-nual debt survey that it would be

premature to be complacent" and

that the external viability of many debtor countries remained elusive. The poorest countries, particu-larly those in sub-Saharan Africa.

will need additional forgiveness on their "unsustainable debt burdens"

owed mostly to Western govern-

nal Herald Tribune

Its total external debt at mid-year was put at \$75.4 billion. But arrears are already high at \$9.4 billion and a large 52 percent of the debt is due between next year and 1995. A further complication is the substantial capital flight from republics with sizable potential for carning convertible currencics through exports.

The report noted that \$7 billion of debt relief on service payments this year helped to limit a further damaging reduction in imports, which fell 40 percent last year.

But it warued: "The restoratioo of the external viability and creditworthiness of these republics will require sustained economic reforms which need to be adequately financed to be successful."

As for the relatively well-off middle-income countries of Latin America, where debt indicators ave fallen back to levels prevailing before the outbreak of the crisis in 1982, the financing outlook "is still fragile and there is need for cau-

While the report highlighted the "remarkable turnaround in private capital inflows" to Latin America, it also warned that these flows were volatile and "may become a mixed

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At a news conference following the 19 hours of discussions over two days, Mr. Clinton acknowledged that "no two participants agreed on the details."

But be said there were several broad areas of agreement that he would take into account in the next few weeks as he makes the "tough choices" in shaping his first budget. For instance, Mr. Clinton said there was an "absolute consensus" on the used to increase investment, not only in roads and bridges, but also in education and training, to improve the long-term productivity of the work force.

He said there was also a general accord that his

Economic Advisers, told Mr. Clinton be should opt for tax cuts or spending programs totaling \$50 billion to \$60 billion for each of the next two years.

But Allen Sinai, chief economist for Boston Co., an investment firm, said only \$20 billioo to \$30 billion in public works spending and tax cuts were needed to jump-start the economy. And Mr. Aaron said that if the economy keeps meading on its own, the stimulus "should be extremely small or possibly shelved."

Mr. Aaron was not shy about where he thought money could be saved: "Agricultural subsidies need to be reduced. Some veterans' pensions should be cut. We need to charge for airways and waterways, and for the use of the radio spectrum. We are spending money on a NASA space station and an advanced rocket that I think are not of the highest priority."

e said there was also a general accord that his II was precisely such specifics, though, that Mr. nistration most "increase access" to bank loans Clinton avoided. He went right from Mr. Aaron's and other capital so that small businesses and entre- presentation to the next questioner without comment.

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The bankers who helped finance

the casino would be first in line for

the \$25 million, since Mr. Trump's

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crisis began in 1990 speculate that

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financeable," said Ben Nickoll, a

bond trader at Lehman Brothers.

Donald's Deal: Trump Card or Joker?

By Diana B. Henriques New York Times Service of the Trump Plaza Hotel & Casi-no, the beauhiest of Mr. Trump's NEW YORK - Is Donald three gambling halls in Atlantic Trump back, as big and as bank- City. Merrill Lynch refused to com-

The irrepressible New York dement, but the plan reportedly calls veloper says yes, absolutely, without for the sale of as much as \$335 a doubt. He has been saying so since million in new bonds, at usday's low May, when he called reporters to interest rates, and the use of that crow about a rebound in the prices money to retire \$300 million in more of his junk bonds. But now there are expensive debt, with funds left over signs that at least some people on — presumably for Mr. Trump. Would bond buyers invest again

some of the money just to reduce with a man whose record includes their exposure to him.

no fewer than four business bank-ruptcies in the last two years? "There's a big pool of capital out there." said a senior junk bond trad-er at a major Wall Street firm. "And not everybody in it has been burned by him." The bankruptcies were Trump Plaza, Mr. Trump's two oth-er casinos, Trump Taj Mahal and Trump Castle, and the Plaza Hotel. Dec. 15

Ernest E. East, general counsel for the Trump Organization, said: "It would in fact be highly inappro-39-3- 11-11-3**-3*** 10 %-11 ** priste to talk about any refinancing 10 --- 10 *plans, since we are talking about publicly traded debt."

> But a oumber of analysis and traders think a deal is not only financially possible but highly mar-ketable. If they are right, Mr. Trump could pull as much as \$25 million in 7.00 cash out of the Plaza casino after paying his investment bankers.



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Overstepped on Trade

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GENEVA — France has apparently rejected the European Com-munity's proposed offer in the Uruguay Round of world trade talks, with Foreign Minister Roland Dumas of France saying Wednesday the package was "null and void."

Mr. Dumas said that provisions on agriculture in the package went beyond the EC Commission's mandate.

The EC farm offers, to be followed on Thursday by schedules on industrial products, incorporated a U.S.-EC accord on agricultural subsidies that averted a trans-Atlanoc trade war and cleared a

barrier to completion of the six-year-old world trade talks. But Mr. Dumas expressed France's "great surprise" at the filing of the document, and referred to the EC commissioners who had filed it as "faithless agents."

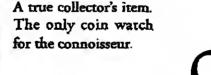
France has bitterly criticized the U.S. EC farm accord, arguing that it will unfairly penalize European farmers. "The Washington draft accord is totally insufficient in the eyes of France," Mr. Dumas said. France therefore considers that the document addressed today to the GATT authorities as null and void and deviod of juridical commitment and value."

Mr. Dumas fiercely criticized the Community's external affairs commissioner. Frans Andriessen, and agriculture commissioner. Ray MacSharry. Without mendoning the commissioners by name. he said they had violated their mandate in the Washington negotia-

nons, and again on Wednesday by submitting the package. "We told the GATT authorities that today." Mr. Dumas said. He said the commissioners "believed themselves authorized to send today a document which is called a schedule of commitments to advance the agricultural negotiations. This is a second serious breach of the mandate which had been given. I therefore consider the two commissioners in question have been disloyal to their mandates.

France has threatened to veto any agreement incorporating the farm deal. Whether it will do so at the risk of threatening the foundations of the Community remains an open quescion.

In Washington, the deputy U.S. trade representative, Julius Katz. said Friday there would ont be agreement concluding the Uruguay Round before the end of the year. (Reuters, AFP, AP)



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Finance executives approached about the deal say that Merrill Lynch & Co. has been put to work on a proposal to refinance the debt

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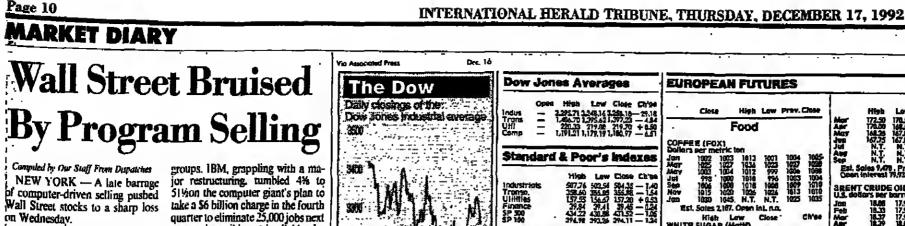
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Massive sell orders were trigered when March futures on the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell below last week's low of 432.80,

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considered by technical analysts to have been a near-term bottom. traders said. The initial weakness came on concerns about corporate garnings.

The Dow Jones industrial aver-age (cll 29.18 points, to 3.255.18, and the S&P 500 ended at 431.52, down 1.05. Volume rose to about 233 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange, down from 225.88 traded on Tuesday.

tBM tumbled for a second day. outweighing gains in other blue chips.

"Everybody's looking at the 1BM scenario and the fact the aconomy may not have turned arousd --- that earnings may not be as positive as people had hoped." said Dale Tills, manager of institujional equities at Charles Schwab in San Francisco. "We've had such a run-up since October with no real correction, and people are looking to take more profits,"

take a \$6 billion charge in the fourth quarter to eliminate 25,000 jobs next year and possibly cut its dividend.

Countering the pessimism. Intel Corp.'s stock vaulted 6% to 83%, setting a 52-week high of 83% in the 3260 process, after the semiconductor 3100 maker predicted that it would have fourth-quarter earnings "well above" what analysis expected because of surging orders for its 486 microprocessors, used to power personal computers.

Tucson Electric was the most ac-tive issue on the New York Stock NYSE Most Actives Exchange, gaining % to 2 on more than 26.5 million shares traded in the aftermath of a financial restrucluring completed on Tuesday. IBM was second, followed by

GlobAt RJR No PhilAr Amexa GnMoir Global Marine, unchanged at 214. Goodyear Tire & Rubber slumped 31% to 66% after Merrill Lynch lowered its rating to "neu-tral" on concerns about unfavor-able currescy translations.

Immunex leaped 1 to 46% after an agreement to sell control of the biotechnology company to the ehemical giant American Cyanamid Co. in return for \$350 million cash and Cyanamid's cancer drug business. The transaction, whose total value is estimated at about \$600 million, would give American ²¹ Computer shares, led by IBM, fell the most among S&P 500 industry (Bloomberg, UP1)

French Banks Lift Rate But Franc Still Pressed

- Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Major French banks boosted their prime rates Wednesday afternoon as the French franc remained under pressure on

the foreign exchange market. - The French (ranc, whose slide on Tuesday prompted intervention by the Bundesbank, regained some

Foreign Exchange

ground Wednesday. The mark edged down to 3.4160 francs from 3.4164 on Tuesday, but traders said the market is still expecting a re-alignment in the European Mone-

tary System in the near future. For the meantime, however, French interest rates are being kept high to support the currency, and banks reacted Wednesday, "This means they have decided to pass the cost of borrowing on to the economy despite the government's

pressure not io," said one dealer. Societé Generale was the first to act. raising its prime rate to 10

case. The mark rose above 900 lire on Wednesday, stirring memories of the dramatic days following the Italian currency's exit from the ex-NASDAQ Diary change-rate mechanism of the Eu-

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nouncement earlier this week that

Socialist leader Bettino Craxi was

under investigation in a corruption

ropean Monetary System in Sep-tember. At the time, the mark hurtled briefly toward 1.000 lire. But toward the close of trading in Europe on Wednesday, the mark was quoted at 898 line.

The dollar weakened, closing at 1.5571 DM in thin New York trad-ing.down from Tuesday's close of 1.5675. Dealers cited year-end torpor as well as a disappointing rise in U.S. housing starts. The U.S. currency also slipped to 122.98 yen from 123.95 on Tuesday.

The pound ended at \$1,5750, up from \$1,5670 on Tuesday. The dol-lar closed at 1,3980 Swiss france.

Moody's Cuts French Bank Ratings Agence France-Presse

PARIS - Moody's Investor's Service said Wednesday it had lowered ratings on long-term debt of Banque Nadonale de Paris and Credit Lyonnais.

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Output, Housing Starts Show Gains NEW YORK (IHT) — A continuation of the unspectacular but steady economic growth of the fall was reflected in figures for November released Wednesday that showed an 0.4 percent increase in industrial production and a 1.5 percent increase in starts of new housing.

The force behind new housing continued almost entirely in single-family construction, which has risen for three successive months, while construction of apartments declined for two months and moved up only slightly last month.

The increase in industrial production was modest hut broad-based. Manufacturing output rose 0.4 percent, indicating that retailers are re-ordering after their fall sales pickup. Production of business equipment, especially information-processing machines, made better-than-average gains, indicating that business is gearing up but trying to keep its white-collar overheads low. Mining, after slumping this summer and fall, rose 0.6 percent on new drilling for oil and gas.

Brazil's Economy Minister Resigns

RIO DE JANEIRO (Bloomberg) — Economy Minister Gustavo Krause resigned Wednesday in an apparent policy dispute with acting President Itamar Franco. Mr. Krause's duties will be temporarily assumed by the planning minister, Paulo Haddad, government officials said.

Mr. Haddad held a news conference in Brasilia to deny that Mr. Krause's sudden resignation had anything to do with future economic plans of the Franco administration. He said the government planned no plans of the Franco administration. He said the government planned no surprises, such as shock measures to bring Brazil out of its deep recession. He will preside over both the planning and economy ministries until a new economy minister can be found, a presidential spokeswoman said. The annouscement comes one day after Mr. Franco, who took office Oct. 2 from the impeached president, Fernando Collor de Mello, an-nounced a series of changes in Brazil's privatization program and postponed all sales of government companies.

Intel Optimistic About Results

SANTA CLARA. California [UPI] — The chip maker Intel Corp., eiting high demand for its 486 microprocessors, said Wednesday that fourth-quarter profit would be well above analysts' estimates. "This is one of those times when everything is going right." said Andrew Grove, Intel's president and chief executive officer. Intel said it expected fourth-quarter revenue of about \$1.8 billion —a rise of at least 25 percent from the \$1.43 billion posted in the third quarter. Analysts had only expected an improvement of about 12 percent. In the fourth quarter last year, Intel had reenus of \$1.21 billion. The better-than-expected news sent Intel stock saring with shares

The better-than-expected news sent Intel stock soaring, with shares soaring \$6.125 apiece. to reach \$83.50, in over-the-counter trading on Wednesday.

U.S. Trade Mission to Beijing

BEIJING (NYT) — The U.S. secretary of commerce, Barbara H. Franklin, arrived in Beijing Wednesday with an entourage of business-men and a mandate to sell American products in a visit effectively ending a three-year ban on high-level exchanges between Washington and

Beijing. The three-day visit is billed as a trade promotion mission and if one read only the Chinese newspaper headlines in recent days, one would hardly think there were any tensions at all between Beijing and Washing-ton. The Chinese are saying that the trip is a sign that ties between China and the United States are being normalized: Trade links are soos to be restored, American investment in China has topped \$6 billion, and the first of 7,000 American cars, worth \$130 million, just arrived at the Chinese docks over the weekend Chinese docks over the weekend.

But there have also severe strains in the relationship that Ms. Franklin's trip appears aimed at easing. In particularly her trip apparently is intended to placate the Chinese after the administration signed an agreement to sell 150 F-16 jet fighters to Taiwan and after President George Bush sent his trade representative, Carla A. Hills, to Taipei two weeks ago.

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Russia Tries to Borrow Time Moscow Seeking Easy Debt Rescheduling

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By Louis Uchitelle New York Times Service

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NEW YORK - Russia's new economics czar, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, takes office just as Presi-dent Boris N. Yeltsin's government is preparing to ask the industrial nations to postpone collection of \$18 billion that should have been repaid this year but was not.

Talks on rescheduling the debt are to reopen Thursday in Paris.

U.S. officials and bankers said Mr. Chernomyrdin's appointment as prime minister, replacing Yesor T. Gaidar, is not likely to change the outcome of the negotiations. "We will continue to support debt rescheduling," one official said.

The Russians have managed to repay only \$2 billion or less this year, and nearly half of that covered loans to purchase grain that had been maranteed by the U.S. Agriculture Department. But two weeks ago Moscow suspended even these repayments; as a result, shipments of American grain to Russia are coming to a halt,

"We have been beating on the doors and saying they ought to pay up," said Christopher E. Gold-thwait, chief of the Agriculture Department's overseas export programs.

Because of the default, the department suspended loan guarantees for grain purchases on Nov. 30, and a delegation traveled to Moscow last week to try to collect \$31.8 million in payments that Russia has failed to make in the last two weeks.

"The best we could make out was that they were so preoccupied with the Congress of People's Depu-ties, they have not been able to make the necessary moves to get the debt repaid," Mr. Goldthwait said.

Almost certainly, Mr. Chernomyrdin will be plunged this week into the debt negotiations, both with the representatives of the major industrial

nations, known as the Paris Club, and with representatives of commercial banks, the London Club. The latter group met with Russian officials in Europe last week, and another meeting is to take

place this week. American bankers said. Every three months this year, the United States and other nations have agreed to postpone Rus-sia's repayments for another 90 days.

Russia's foreign debt totals about 586 billion, according to U.S. government officials, the International Monetary Fund and the Institute for International Finance, a Washington group that tracks foreign debt for commercial banks,

Of the total, \$68 billion represents money owed by the Soviet Union when it went out of existence on Jan. 1 - \$50 billion to other governments and \$18 billion to commercial banks.

The Paris Club, which includes the United States, is considering a five-year grace period during which Moscow would pay only some of the interest on the Russian share of the Soviet debt.

But the London Club is pushing for only a twoyear moratorium on their portion, according to Keith Savard, the Russian debt specialist at the Institute for International Finance. Moscow has asked for a 10-year moratorium and has offered to pay only \$3 billion in interest next year, not the \$5 hillion sought by the Paris Club.

Accord Set on Bulgarian Debt

The French Finance Ministry said Wednesday that the Paris Club of Western creditor nations agreed to reschedule Bulgaria's foreign debt over ten years with a six-year grace period, Bloomberg Business News reported from Paris. No details on the amount of debt rescheduled were available.

BA Gets Go-Ahead on French Carrier

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the green light for a 49.9 percent participation in the Ecus (\$310 million) required an automatic review. regional French carrier TAT European Airways, the British concern said Wednesday.

The British carrier signed the accord with TAT on Sept. 24. Two months later, on Nov. 27, the EC company, the government said, Commission authorized it, oo condition that a series of concessions be made.

Meanwhile, Bernard Attali, the president of Air France, expressed satisfaction over Belgium's decision to seek a re-examination of BA's buyout of the Britisb to seek a re-examination of BA's buyout of the British carrier Dan-Air. After the Belgian request, the EC Commission decided Monday to examine the case.

which was authorized on Oct. 30 without study be-PARIS - France has given British Airways PLC cause Dan Air's revenue fell below the 250 million

Separately, the Freneb cabinet on Wednesday comleted the merger of the state-owned Air France with Union des Transports Aériens, a subsidiary of the

UTA was acquired in 1990 by Air France. In November, Air France announced plans to fully merge the two. The group is now called Compagnie Nationale Air France. The state-owned concern will have the

IBM: Burden of Innovation Passes to New Generation

This new alliance-based model

(Continued from page 1) emerge. We have to be optimistic."

market share in the semiconductor market after lagging Japan for sev-eral years, and Intel Corp. is poised to reclaim its title as the world's most successful chip maker. The consortium, based in Austin, Texas, developed new techniques to make chips to counter strides by Japanese com-petitors. Sematech's success

Morcover, despite fears of over-the way for further alliances in ar-eas where multinational corpora-tions like IBM and Digital Equip-ment Corp. in the past would have largely beld the line against Asian carried the financial burden.

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Liberalizing **Of Phones**

dustry and trade minister, said Wednesday that be and Elisabeth Guigou, the European affairs minis-ter, had sent a letter to the European

free-trade zone on Jan. I, allowing goods to circulate unfettered within the Community. Each country has been directed to liberalize its telecommunications rules, which had

often favored national suppliers. Mr. Strauss-Kahn said France would ask a meeting of EC ministers Thursday to suspend the EC directive liberalizing telecommuni-cations markets before an agreement on the subject in the GATT world trade talks. Talks in the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade reopened in Geneva on Wednesday. Mr. Strauss-Kahn said the move did not target any particular coun-try, as the EC does not have external reciprocity agreements, but the

opening of public markets in the Community be delayed until there

not occur "without commitments by our principal competitors, notably Japan and the U.S.A."

rules on approving telephones, answering machines and fax machines sold on its territory. Usually approved gadgets are made by French and other European companies.

eating into the consumer side of the French market. (Reuters, AP)

Midland Bank of Britain sold its Owoers Abroad reporte Thomas Cook travel agency to a Wednesday a 19.3 percent drop i group including LTU of Germapretax profit for the year ended Oc 31, to £25.5 million, from £31.6 mi ny, Thomas Cook crossed the English Channel again Wednes-day to swallow 10.3 percent of lion a year earlier. Sales jumped 2 percent, to £772 million from £643.

The move is the first step by the discounting and overcapacity. three companies to build a cohe-Thomas Cook will open 10 sive travel network throughout more branches in Britain in th Europe as European trade harriers next two years, its chief executive Christopher Rodrigues, said. Th Under the cooperation agree-ment, Owners and the Düsseldorfnew agreement builds a bridge be tween the German and British trav based LTU will link their charter el industries, the two largest trave airlines. Thomas Cook will sell

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Owners needed a British reta ontlet after its main rival. Airtout PLC, bought 333 Pickfords Trave Service Ltd. shops in September for In return for Thomas Cook's buy-£16 million fmm NFC PLC.

ing 22.5 million new Owners Abroad shares at £1 (\$1.57) each, Thomas Cook is 90 percent-owned by LTU and 10 percent-owned by Westdeutsche Landes-bank. LTU is 34 percent-owned by Westdeutsche, Germany's thirdlargest bank. The deal gives Owners Abroad, a

package vacation and charter air-Owners Abroad forecast that the line company, a "European dimen-sion that no other U.K. travel comlink with LTU would increase operating profit in the year ending Oct. 31, 1994, by £7 million, rising to £8 million the next year. Thomas Cook pany possesses." its chairman, Howard Klein, suid at a news conference. Owners Abroad, previousand LTU forecast similar increases. hy focused on Britain, "is pan-Eu-rope as from today." he said. Most of the increase will come from savings, for instance in running LTU's 29 jets and Owners Abroad's Analysis said the deal was smart. 19 planes as a combined fleet and Co. said the agreement gave Own-ers "the vertical integration to a gines, fuel, insurance and catering.

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PARIS — Automobiles Citroen SA, a subsidiary of Peugeot SA, pulled the wraps off its new Xantia model on Thursday, hoping that it would touch up dents in Citroen's reputation for quality and

recapture the sales initiative from rival Renault. The model will compete in the upper end of the medium-range market, which last year accounted for 21 percent of European car sales. With the Xantia, Citroën has discarded some of its traditions, although its tapered front and angled headlights recall earlier models. The car is meant to appeal to buyers seeking durability,

Peugeot and Citroën saw their share of the French market fall to 30 percent over the first 11 months of 1992 from 33 percent in the same period in 1991.

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Very briefly:

Sources: Reuters, AFP

 MAN AG said sales in the five months to November fell 2 percent, th 6.525 hillion Deutsche marks (\$4.15 hillion), from 6.672 hillion DM in the year-carlier period; it forecast earnings for the financial year ending June 30, 1993, would be less than in the previous year.

 Creditanstalt-Bankverein, Austria's No. 2 bank, said it would slash its 1992 dividend to 6 percent from last year's 15 percent to provide for doubtful dehts.

• Austrian Airlines chairman, Anton Heschgl, said the airline expected a loss of 224.4 million schillings (\$20.3 million) in 1992, its first loss in 21 years, mainly due to fare cuts of about 7 percent to meet competition.

SNECMA of France said its share of SI billion in aireraft engine orders placed by International Lease Finance Corp. would be about one-third.

• The European Court of Justice condemned as discriminatory Belgium's ban on cable access for foreign Durch-language broadcasters, in a ruling that could open the market in Flanders to the Luxembourg based RTL4.

 Standard Chartered PLC said it bad sold 13 Hong Kong buildings to the Koon Wah real estate investment group for 164 million (\$100 million) before costs, and would lease the buildings from the buyer.

Accor SA and Chargeurs said their joint subsidiary Les Croisieres Paquet would take a 24 percent stake in Costa Crociere of Italy and would underwrite a 80 hillion lire [\$56,9 million] Costa capital increase.

 Rhone-Poulenc SA shareholders voted to allow the company to proceed. with a capital increase after the sale of part of the government's stake. The capital increase will be reserved exclusively for the French state to compensate it for the loss of preferred dividend rights. AFX, AP, Bloomhere

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NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting in Lieu of Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of FIDELITY GLOBAL INDUSTRIES FUND, a societé d'investissement à capital under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxento held at the registered office of the Fund, Kansallis House, Place de L'Etoile, Luxembourg, at 12:00 noon on December 29, 1992, specifically, but without limitation, for the following

are reciprocal agreements from other countries, such as Japan and the United States. "We won't open our public markets unilaterally," Mr. Strauss Kahn said,

He said opening of markets could

United States and Japan were Enrope's main competitors. France has also asked that the Nigel Hicks of Panmure Gordon &

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French telecommunications equipment makers have complained that Japanese goods in particular are

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Community asking for a delay. Europe is scheduled to become a package vacations from both LTU and Owners through its 1,600 retail branches around the world, including 340 in Britain,

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(Continued from first finance page) because his company has a busi-ness relationship with IBM, offered this sober assessment Tuesday: "I figure if they carn maybe \$3 a share next year, and they slash the divi-dend in balf, you're looking at the stock going to the mid-\$40s."

Of course, if hy some chance IBM's remaining institutional and individual investors already assume that the earnings and dividend payoff will be minuscule in 1993, one could argue that those holders will figure there's no compelling reason to bail out of the

stock now, at an 11-year low. But don't underestimate the numwhile, one analyst says, investors who ponder IBM will keep coming back to the same sad facts: "It's too ber of longtime IBM stockholders - cspecially slow-moving bank trust departments - that are only now coming to grips with the extent of IBM's troubles, analysts warn. The easiest way to start those investors stampeding ont of your stock is to hint at a dividend cut, which IBM did Tuesday. Although 12.2 million of IBM's 572 million shares were dumped Tuesday, there's plenty more where those came from

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campaign in the months ahead to replace IBM management and find some magic solution for the company's problems. CalPERS, California's public employee pension fund, is already known to be hot on IBM's case. But a breakup remains a long way off, if it ever happens. Mean-

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- Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors.
- Presentation of the Report of the Auditor.
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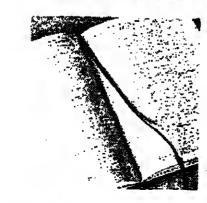
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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1992 Page 13 FLEXIBLE: Keeping Women in the Workplace by Shuffling Schedules (Continued from first finance page) ule once considered impossible for But several employers who offer over; every worker saved was mone thereible schedules said that most even the company's pocket. 17 Month High Low Stock Ste Yig PE 100s 12 Manifi Ngh Low Slack Low Lates Crige Div High LowLotest Chips 3% 1% Caspon pr 23% 1% Caspon pr 23% 1% Caspon pr 23% 1% Caspon pr 23% 1% Caspon pr 4% 1% Caspon pr 4% 1% Caspon pr 4% 1% Caspon pr 4% 1% Caspon pr 1% 5% Cappon pr 3% 1% Cappon pr 3% 1% Cappon pr 3% 1% Cappon pr 1% 5% Cappon pr 1% Cappon 27% 14% Frischs 19 6% FrzFd & 49% 23% Fruitt .15 .5 24 .15 .9 23 1.60 7.i .98 .6 .01 .3 .80 7.4 .869 7.5 .501 5.7 But several employers who offer flexible schedules said that most conflicts can be resolved if both the employer and worker are willing to Wednesday's Closing professionals with career experi-a trial lawyer. at trial lawyer. Despite studies showing ers accommodate them because work-place flexibility leads to Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect 1/11 4% 4% 4% Despite studies showing that work-place flexibility leads to re-ductions in turnover; absenteeism, 184533311201330127117121137131417457457457 Actna instituted a family leave policy and "flextime," which re-quired workers to be in the office between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. and left 125 Galoc so 126 Galoc so 126 Galoc So 1274 Gandos 1244 Gandos 1244 Gandos 1246 Galoc 1266 Galo 1.40 17.2 late trade here. Via The Associated Pres they like them. bend. 4 . t. • 1/14 __¥2 3 11 15/16 11/16 334 175 10/16 10/16 Dr. Jamie Baker Knauss, a 39-Alan Murray, the deputy chief of the Wall Street Journal's bureau in Washington — where several re-porters have shared beats and have worked part-time — said flexible scheduling has allowed the newspa-per to hold onto experienced wom-en journalists. and tardiness and to improved loy-year-old Pasadena, California, pe-diatrician and mother of two boys, aity and morale, most corporations 13 Month High Law Slock Div Yid PE 100s High Low Lates! Ch'ge to them when they put in the other 90 minutes. Within four years, only have resisted making it a policy. delayed starting her practice for two years until she found a group Specialists said the resistance stemmed in part from an age-old work ethic: Good employees are at 9 percent of mothers were failing to .Mb 22 12 0275413819815033551 2071279198153033551 1.148 19.8 26 124823347754<u>5</u>431 48 11 14 20 70 39 19:113 return from maternity leave, said -54 of doctors flexible enough to share • ¥2 Michelle Carpenter, manager of her patient load so she could work three days a week. Ellen McDon-who are not must not be working. .82| 2.64a 4.4 Aetna's work-family strategies unit. rer to hold onto experienced wom-en journalists. "It has been a big payoff for us," Mr. Murray said. A 1987 task force at Aetna Life & Casualty in Hartford, Connecti-cut, found that one-fourth of moth-ers who took a maternity leave nev-er came back. By its own estimates, Aetna was losing more than \$1 mil-lion annually in employee turn-34 35 nell, a 37-year-old mother of two girls and senior producer of Na-tional Public Radio's "Morning Edition," works one day a week out of her Maryland home. Assistant U.S. Attorney Leslie _20 nell, a 37-year-old mother of two - 338 - - -- - -19 4 78 7 2 Iba Advided 7% Advided 7% Advid 10% Advid % Ad .14 14 5 - 415 - 15 - 19 - 19 - 19 40 13 13 13 14 1 1 13 14 1 1 .60 sector and people go through the roof." said Glenn Meister, a con-sultant in the Los Angeles office of A. Foster Higgins & Co., a benefits Assistant U.S. Attorney Leslie .20) .300 10 7.1 7.1 7 10 7 Swain, the 39-year-old mother of 40 1.26 1.26 1.20 1.20 1.20 521 two girls, was one of the first feder-al prosecutors in Los Angeles to work a three-day week — a sched-company. 440 90 .131 3222122 77. 17. 375 29 15 .10 .15 :: : : :5ī ï 3176 614 85 -646 | 646 |44 35%: 446 All 27 0 All 20 VDI Ind 34 DRCA 32 DRCA 34 DRCA 35 DRCA 35 DRCA 36 DRCA 37 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 37 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 37 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 37 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 36 DRCA 37 DRCA 36 DRCA 37 12 Month High Low Slock Div Vid PE 100s High LowLatest Chare High Low Slock Div Yid PE 100s High LowLatest Chige
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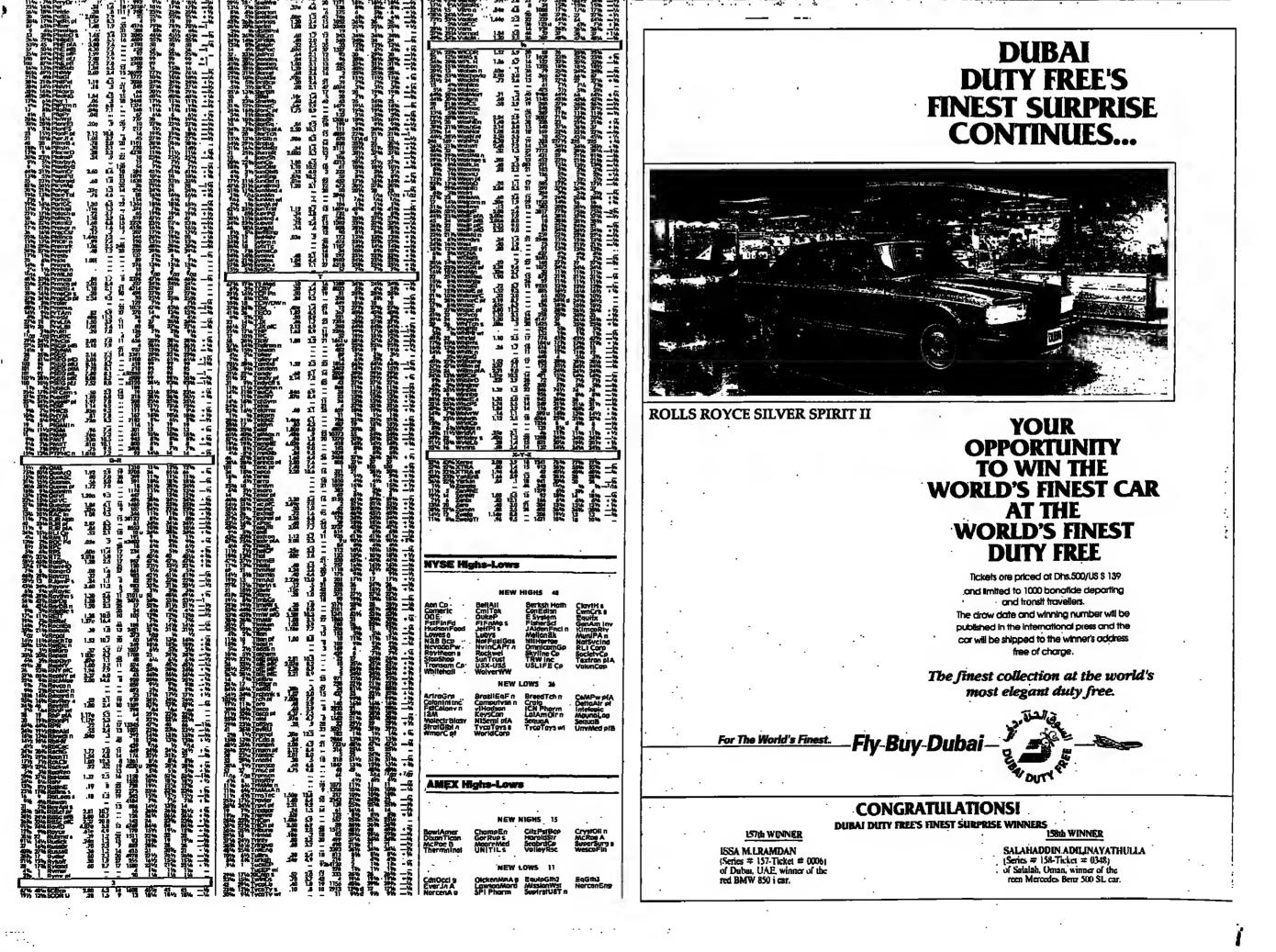
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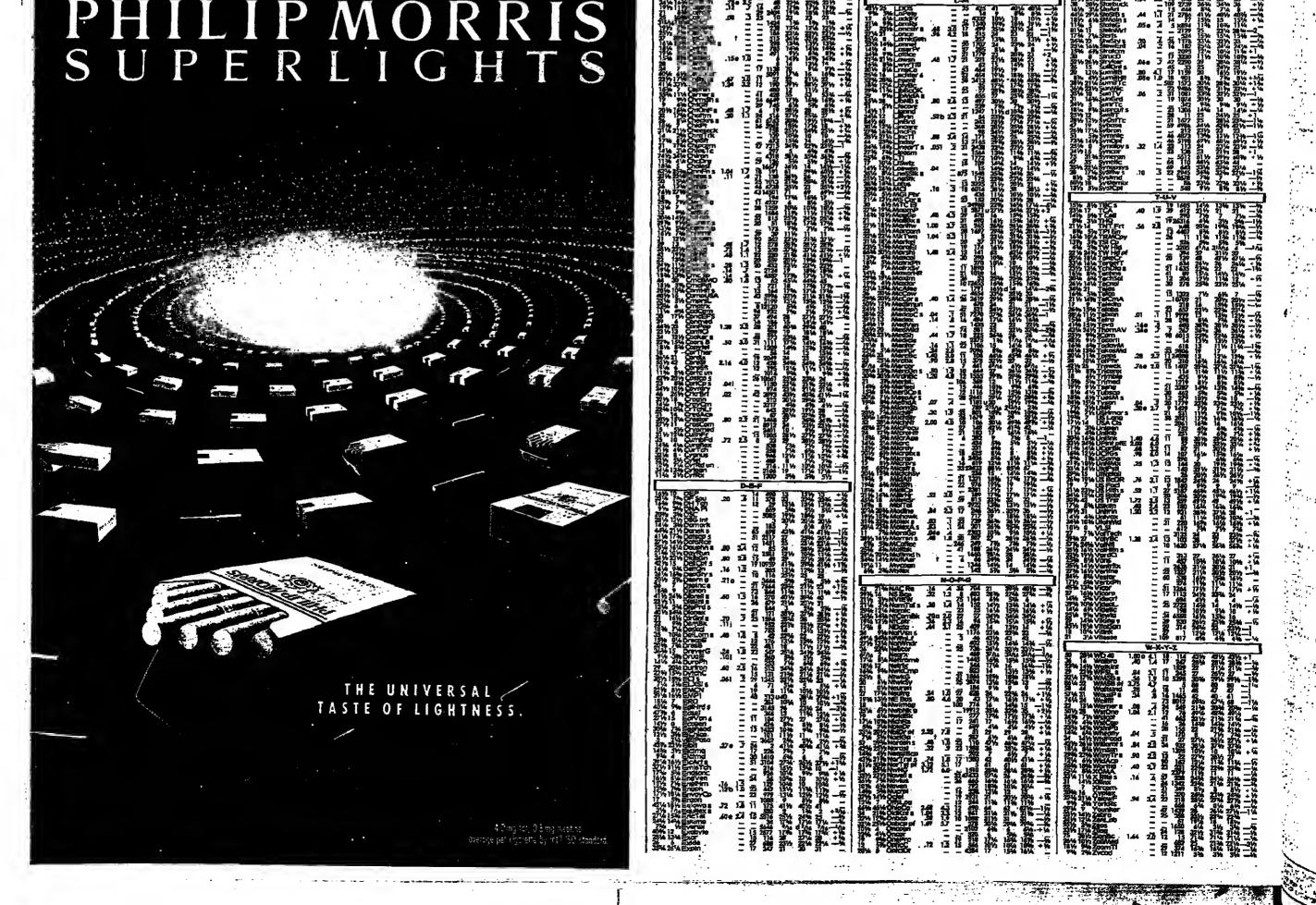
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Exxon to Tap Huge Gas Field

said Wednesday. The Natuna field contains proven gas reserves near-ly half the size of those in all of Canada and could produce enough gas to meet 40 percent of Japan's annual needs.

The pact, which follows more than two years of negotiation, clears the way for Exxon and Pertamine to conduct serious talks with potential buyers of the liquefied natural gas in Japan, South Korea and Tai-wan. Binding contracts with the buyers are crucial to financing the project, believed to be among the largest resource developments in Southeast Asia.

Situated in Indonesian waters, 450 miles (720 kilometers) northeast of Singapore, the Natura field contains an estimated 210 trillion cubic feet (6.3 trillion cubic meters) of natural gas, of which 72 percent is carbon dioxide. The remaining 45 trillion cubic feet would be recovered and turned into liquefied natural gas. Just how much money Exxon and Pertamina stand

ATP-Extel News

BANGKOK - Thai Telephone

& Telecommunications awarded

contracts to Alcatel Alsthom CGE

SA and LM Ericsson Telefon AB to

supply equipment as part of a re-gional telephone oetwork expansion

program, a TT&T executive said. The executive refused to provide

financial details, saying the deals must still be formally approved by the state-run Telephone Organiza-

tion of Thailand. TT&T, operating under a con-cession granted by the state-run

Shortly afterward. Indonesia is expected to follow through on a previously announced pledge to sell some of Pertamina's share in the project.

"Speculation is that Mobil Oil and some Japanese investors are most likely to take up the Pertamina share of Natuna," said James Ball, a London-based executive with EconoMatters Ltd., the publisher of Gas Matters, a newsletter. "This will leave Exxon as the lead partner."

Exton, which acquired a 50 percent right to develop the Natuna field in 1980. is believed by industry analysis to have sought a 50-50 profit split to compensate for the high cost and risks associated with dispos-ing of large volumes of carbon dioxide in the Natuna gas. Up to 40 percent of the project's \$30 billion price is associated with the carbon dioxide. The standard division of profits between Indonesia and foreign oil companies is 70-30 for natural-gas projects.

Just how much money Exxon and Pertamina stand to gain from the field was not immediately clear. The price of natural gas is linked to the price of oil, so exact profit projections are impossible. But an industry observer close to the Indonesian

Taipei Offers

selling a 60 percent stake in BES Engineering Corp., one of the is-land's biggest construction companies, the concern said Wednesday. The chairman of BES, Regis Chen, announced an offer of 198 million shares, worth about 6.1 bil-tioo Taiwan dollars (\$239.5 mil-lion), that would make BES the first state-owned Taiwan enterprise transferred into majority private ownership since the 1960s. Of the total, 122 million shares

will be offered to the public and the rest to more than 2,000 employees of the company. Applications to buy shares, priced at 30.61 dollars each. will be accepted from Dec. 21 to 24. After the offer, the government's stake in BES will drop to 40 percent, Mr. Chen said.

BES plans to list on the Taiwan Stock Exchange in early February and eventually reduce state ownership to 20 percent. "Privatization will give us more

room to improve our management, and we will be in a better position

to compete." Mr. Chen said. BES is a major builder of ports, highways and other infrastructure. Taiwan launched a program in 1989 to raise about \$20 billion through privatization of 22 companies, including industrial enter-prises and some of the island's biggest hanks.

The program has proceeded more slowly than expected. It was halted this year because of a stock market slump, bureaucratic delays and opposition from interest groups within the government and labor unions. Analysts, poting the poor health of the stock market, said it was not clear whether the BES offer would be a success. "The BES offer will be s crucial test of whether the government can go forward with the privatisation program," said David Lieu of Chief Securities.

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Kuste Lumpur	Composite	632,89	628.68	+0.64
Bangkok	SET	840.40	839.30	+0.13
Spoul	Composite Stock	654.09	650.21	+9.60
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Manila	Composite	1,222.91	1,183.49	+3.33
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Very briefly:

• All Nippon Airways Co. dismissed reports in newspapers that the company would reduce its weekly flights to New York and Washiogton. Malaysia Ainfines is seeking an estimated \$100 million in financing from the U.S. Export & Import Bank to buy four B-737-400 jets,

· Eleran Bhd of Malaysia is reported to have won a \$4 billion contract for natural-gas development and construction work in Iran.

. Varta Batterie AG of Germany and Toshiba Co. have formed a joint venture to make button cells in Singapore, to be called Varta Toshiba Singapore.

· Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd. has taken a 16 percent stake in Cycle & Carriage Ltd. of Singapore for 1 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$1.30 million). • American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and Northern Telecom Ltd. will this week sign deals to sell communications equipment to China.

• Orix Corp. will acquire a 20 percent stake, worth 294.25 million rupees (\$10 million), in an Indian leasing company, Iofrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd., in mid-1993.

• Broken Hill Pty., Australia's largest company, is expected to announce oet half-year profit of more than 500 million Australian dollars (\$345 million) on Friday. The best results are expected from the company's Bloomberg, AFP, AFX, Reuters minerals division.



Battle for Astra Pits Chairman Against

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Indonesian Tycoon

JAKARTA - The struggle for control of Astra International, Indonesia's second-biggest private company, has degenerated into a bitter squabble in which the chairman of Astra is opposing attempts

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bitter squacoole in which the chairman of Astra is opposing attempts to sell it to a timber tycoon. "This is doing no good for investor confidence in Indonesia," Peter Arkell, head of research at Niaga Securities, said Wednesday, "although the country's economic fundamentals are still good." Astra's chairman, Sumitro Djojohadikusumo, said he was against selling Astra to a consortium led by Prajogo Pangestu, who has extensive interests in timber.

Mr. Sumitro said he believed Toyota Motor Corp., a business ally of Astra's, would be against handing its control over to Mr. Prajogo's consortium, which includes the owner of a company that is Astra's main rival. Toyota owns 51 percent of PT Toyota Astra Motors, which provides the bulk of Astra International's income. "I know from reliable sources that the leadership of Toyota Motor

Corp. will be concerned if 108 million shares that belong to the

Soeryadjays family is sold to the consortium," Mr. Sumitro said. The target of the struggle is an auto-assembly company with a variety of interests, including agriculture-related business, and a reputation as one of Indonesia's best-run conglomerates.

Astra's shares plunged on the stock market after the Soeryadjaya family failed Monday to save their Summa Bank by selling Astra stock. Astra's price fell 150 rupiah (gbout 7 cents) to 8,850 (\$4.30) on Wednesday. It bad lost 250 rupiah on Tnesday. Mr. Sumitro said he and the Soeryadjaya family had an agreement that the family's shares in Astra could be sold only with his approval.

that the lamily's shares in Astra could be sold only with his approval. "The board of directors of Astra had agreed that Toyota Motor Corp. would be a strategic factor in any sale of Astra's shares," he said. But brokers said the only other serious bidder for Astra was Mr. Sumitro's own son, Hashim Djojohadikusumo. "There is a clear conflict of interest on both sides," Mr. Arkell said. Mr. Prajogo may resolve the issue by excluding Liem Sioe Liong from the consortium, Mr. Arkell said. Mr. Liem's PT Indomobil Utama computer with Acting

Utama competes with Astra.

Utama competes with Astra. Market analysts said Mr. Hashim has oot been able to raise enough funds to make the purchase because bidders have been barred from tapping local banks and offshore loans. The Indooesian Observer daily reported on Wednesday that the Soeryadjaya family's head, William, had expressed shock at the government's decision to liquidate his bank. "I didn't expect the decision so soon, especially as I am still searching for a settlement which will suit many." Mr. Soeryadjaya was quoted as saying. "Now everything is left to the central bank." But the central bank governor. Adrianus Moov, said he had not

But the central bank governor, Adrianus Mooy, said he had not come up with the 750 billion rupiah to settle Summa's debts. Its total

service, plans to install 1 million telephone lines in Thailand. liabilities were 1.6 trillion rupiah, Mr. Mooy said. Summa, which was suspended from clearing last month for failing to meet its obligations, belongs to the Summa Group, which in turn Ericsson will supply switching equipment and Alcatel transmisis owned by the Soeryadjaya family.

Malaysia Banker Extradited **Alcatel Alsthom** And Ericsson Get To Hong Kong After 7 Years **Thai Phone Work** Reuters

HONG KONG — The Malaysian banker Lorrain Esme Osman arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday to face graft charges relating to a huge business scandal after losing a seven-year battle against extradition from Britain, police said.

Mr. Osman was arrested at his home in a London suburb in December 1985. Since then he has fought Hong Kong efforts to extradite him. A spokesman for the Independent Commission Against Corruption said Mr. Osman would appear in court on Thursday. He is expected to face 42 charges of conspiracy to defraud, conspiracy to steal, false accounting and receipt of corrupt payments.

Mr. Osman is a former chairman of the Hong Kong subsidiary of the state-owned Bank Burniputra Malaysia, which lost about I billion ringgit (about \$400 million) in bad loans when the Carrian Group of the tycoon George Tan collapsed a decade ago.

A fellow banker at the Hong Kong subsidiary, Bumiputra Finance Malaysia Ltd., gave up his battle sgainst extradition after a year, Mohammed Hashim Shamsuddin admitted defrauding the unit of 1.1 billion Hong Kong dollars (about \$140 millioo) and accepting 15 million dollars in bribes. He was jailed for 10 years.

Reuters TAIPEI - Taiwan will resume privatization of state companies by

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Hawks, Beaten, Also Lose Wilkins to Broken Finger

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NBA HIGHLIGHTS

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The Associated Pres

Dominique Wilkins, who didn't miss more than four games in any of his first nine years in the National Basketball Association, faces his second injury rehabilitation in two · SCASORIS.

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Florida State Is Upended By Duquesne

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Florida State badn't played for two weeks, although for 30 minutes the 10thranked Seminoles bardly looked it. But then they didn't play much for the last 10 minutes of the game against Duquesne. That cost them.

pointers during a 17-2 run led a remarkable comeback by as the "Dukes rallied from a 18-point defi-cit to stun Florida State, 91-84, on "Tuesday night. It was one of Duquesne's biggest

wictories since beating Detroit, then a top-10 team, 95-88, in doui ble overtime on Feb. 19, 1977, to gend the Titans' 21-game winning for the Bullets.

The Dukes, coming off a loss to Kent University, overcame Bob Sura's 34 points and a 59-41 deficit behind Whitehead's ontside shoot-ing and Derrick Alston's 20 points.

Duquesne trailed by 70-54 before scoring 37 of the final 51 points with runs of 8-0 and 13-0. Sura, a former Pennsylvania high school star who had been heavily recruited by Duquesne, scored 10 straight points just after the second half started to give the Seminoles (3-3) what seemed a secure lead at 59-41.

But Duquesne (4-1) took advan-tage of a five-minute hreak that Florida State's coach, Pat Kennedy, gave Sura and scored eight straight points to slice the lead to 59-49. A 13-0 run, keyed by Whitehead's three 3-pointers, made it 70-67 with just over six minutes left.

The same defense that Florida State easily broke to score a succession of fast-break baskets in the first half began working in the second half, prompting a total of 27 last 40 games when Wilkins went capped a 13-0 run at the end of the out with a ruptured Achilles' tendon third quarter that propelled Los third quarter that propelled Los last season, will have to do without Angeles to victory on the road. him again for four to six weeks. Wilkins fractured his right ring finger as he and Dennis Rodman weeks. SuperSonics 196, Bucks 100: Se-attle handed visiting Milwankee its eighth consecutive defeat behind him again for four to six weeks.

Gary Payton's 22 points.

up by Shawn Kemp settled matters. Warriors 109, Clippers 90: In Isiah Thomas had 23 points and a Oakland, California, Tim Hardaway and Chris Mullin each season-high 16 assists for Detroit, while Rodman, the top rebounder in the NBA, had 21 rebounds, his had 37 points and rookie Latrell Sprewell had 19, including 11 in the third period, when the Warriors outscored Los Angeles, 30-21, for eighth time in nine games with at least 20.

Detroit, which has won six of seven games, led by 51-36 at the half, then made 5 of 6 3-pointers to build an 85-66 third-period lead. Cettics 124, Timberwolves 119: Boston won at Minnesota for its eighth victory in 11 games as Reg-gie Lewis scored 29 of his 31 points of the billione and Vanish McDen an 85-71 lead. Bulls 125, Hornets 110: Scottie Pippen scored 26 points and Michael Jordan 25 to lead Chicago, at home, to its 16th straight victory over Charlotte. It was the first time in 19 games that Jordan was not the Bulls' leading scorer.

Magic 119, 76ers 107: Dennis Scott's 25 points was one of four 20point efforts by Orlando in a home-court victory over Philadelphia that snapped a six-game losing streak. Jeff Turner scored 22 points and Nick Anderson 21. and Shaquille

woo its eighth straight game and set a team record by hitting 10 of 13 3-pointers against visiting Washing-O'Neal had 20 points, 14 rebounds and 6 blocked shots as the Magie coasted after building a 27-point lead in the third quarter. Knicks 108, Nets 94: Patrick Ew-Charles Barkley scored 36 points and Danny Ainge hit three 3-point-ers and scored 16 of his 23 points in ing scored 27 points and John Starks and Greg Anthony sparked

a game-breaking 12-0 second-half run as New York won on the road. the fintal quarter for the Suns. whose previous record for 3-pointers in a game was nine, three years Drazen Petrovie scored 29 points before fouling out for the Nets. Tom Gugliotta scored 27 points There were 69 personal fouls and 74 free throws in all, and four tech-

Lakers 107, Spurs 101: Sedale Threatt scored 24 points and Vlade nicals — all against the Knicks, who won for the fifth time in six Divac's buzzer-beating 3-pointer games



Charlotte's highly touted rookie center, Alonzo Mourning, ran into the NBA's top gun, Michael Jordan, in Chicago and the Hornets got stung for the 16th straight time by the Bulls, 125-110.

Bowman and Jets Reach New Heights, Rangers Level Off

The Associated Press

No. 800, the Winnipeg Jets made it No. 400 and the New York Rang-ers didn't get past No. 236 tistics in the National Hockey beat New Jersey and recorded its ers didn't get past No. 236.

Those were the key numbers Toesday night as Bowman won his chel scored two goals and Mike south regular-season game as a Vernon made 39 saves for his secstufn regular-season game as a coach career, in Pittsburgh's 6-2 victory over Philadelphia; the Jets got their 400th victory by beating New Jersey, 4-3; and the Rangers were blanked by Calgary, 3-0, end-ing their 236-game scoring streak. "It means a lot of mod teams and a hot scream a lot of mod teams and a hot

arena, a lot of good teams and a lot of great players." Bowman said of his milestone. "I guess the ingredi-ents that you need to win a lot of games were there with most of the teams. They won a lot because they

Bowman, the winningest coach in NHL history, improved his regu-lar-season record to 800-367-222. Since 1967, he has coached in St. Louis, Montreal, Buffalo and Pittsburgh. He won five Stanley Cups in Montreal and a sixth in Pittsburgh last season. Penguins 6, Flyers 2: Kevin Ste-

vens scored twice as Pittsburgh ceat the Eric Lindros-less Flyers. Philadelphia, which had won five of six games before Lindros, the rookie center, went out of the line-

up with a sprained left knee liga-ment on Nov. 22, has gone 2-6-1 since. With five straight losses, the Flyers are one short of the team record set in 1970. They are 1-9-1 in their last 11 road games.

Jets 4, Derils 3: Defenseman Fredrik Olausson scored twice, Teemu Selanne once and Bob Es-

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"significant differences" and the play-ers termed "mechanical issues."

The Pitusburgh Steelers' owner, Dan

Rooney, a member of Management

Council's executive committee, said he.

doubted any agreement would be

owners were meeting Wednesday to

NFL-Player NFL's Golden Boys Continue to Be Those 49ers

By Michael Wilbon

Washington Post Service MINNEAPOLIS - The National Football League's owners are meeting to talk about any number of issues. One topic that won't be on the agenda, but should be, is a measure that would reverse the AFL-NFL merger. Surely there must be some "best interests of the game" clause that would at least allow the league to ban an American Conference team from the Super Bowl in those years in which none of its teams are worthy. Which is just about always.

The Philadelphia Eagles, who probably will be a National Conference wild-card team, are better than anything the AFC has to offer. So are the probable wild-card Washington Redskins, the wild-card New Orleans Saints (who still may win the divi-sion), the probable NFC East champion Dallas Cowboys, even the Minnesota Vikings and Green Bay Packers, one of which probably won't make the playoffs. But there's one team that's better than all of the aforementioned. This team has the league's most valuable player, arguably the MVP runner-up, a backup quarterback who's the greatest ever to play the position and likely the bome field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Because Ronnie Lott and Bill Walsb have been gone for awhile and Joe Montana has been injured, many tend to think the 49ers have sort of slipped back into the pack. They haven't.

A desperation pass by the Atlanta Falcons cost them a spot in the playoffs last season, but the 49ers (12-2) have won 18 of their last 20 games. Sunday, in Minneapolis, they beat the desperate Vikings, 20-17. The defense, which is supposed to be the team's soft spot, allowed only a field goal. An interception for a touchdown (amazing-ly, the Vikings' sixth this season) and a

special teams play made for some drama. As quarterback Steve Young said after-

have gained more yards than any other team and now their coach, George Seifert, has the delightful problem of what to do with two young backs who can each go for 100 yards in a game against good defenses.

Jamie Williams, the veteran tight end, talked about how the dramatically improved rushing game "makes route-running casier, makes blocking easier, makes playaction more effective - Ooooooh, it makes a difference."

Nobody else has three guys - don't forget Young - who can control the game on the ground. And all this does is make Young more effective. He is not just having

Talks Stall this week or next to test himself at bome against Tampa Bay and or Detroit. Joe Montana, backup quarterback. DALLAS — Negotiators for the Na-tional Football League and its players once again failed to reach a final agree-

This is not good news for the rest of the NFC. You think the Redskins' 17-5 De-cember record since 1987 is good? The 49ers are 20-2,

One ranking of the best teams in the league with two weeks to go is: 49ers, Cowboys, Saints, Redskins, Eagles, Packers, Vikings, Dolphins, Chargers, Bills, Steelers.

And the strange thing about the Red-skins-Eagles game this Sunday in Philadelphia is that the loser could really be the winner for the short term.

The loser of that game - assur

sensa made 42 saves as Winnipeg On a night of astronomical sta- recovered from a shaky start to

had only two winning seasons. Flames 3, Rangers 0: Robert Reiond shutout in two nights as Calga-ry stopped New York to end the fourth-longest scoring streak in

NHL history. Vernon, who made 33 saves in blanking Detroit by 3-0 on the road

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Monday night, improved his record to 8-3-2 in his last 13 starts with his sixth career shutout.

Red Wings 3, Senators 2: Sergei Fedorov's highlight-film goal in overtime — his second tally of the night --- edged Ottawa. Fedorov wheeled from inside the

Detroit zone and outraced two opponents before sweeping around defenseman Norm Maciver and tucking the puck under the stick side of goaltender Peter Sidor-kiewicz at 2:10.

Jimmy Carson's 60-foot (18-meter) slapshot with less than five minutes left in regulation had tied the game for Detroit. Fedorov's overtime goal gave the Red Wings only their fourth point in 11 games. Sabres 3, Bruins 2: Bulfalo's Russians were a goal better than Boston's Russians as Alexander Mogilay got the game-winner midway through the third period and Yuri Khmylev also scored for the Sabres, who have defeated the Bruins three straight times this season. Grigori Panteleyev had a goal for

North Stars 6, Maple Leafs 5: Mike Modano scored on a breakaway with 1:06 left to complete Minnesota's comeback from a 4-1 deficit. Modano had a goal and two assists, as did Toronto rookie Nikolai Borschevsky. The victory snapped a two-game home losing streak for the Stars, who have also won seven straight on the road. Toronto has won just two of its last

ment for labor peace because of what 11 games, the league described as a half-dozen Islander Islanders 4, Blues 3: Derek King scored with 2:27 left in overtime as New York won the first regularseason NHL game ever played in -Texas. The contests drew a crowd of 11,251 to Reunion Arena in Dallas -- about 5,000 under capacity. struck in Dallas, where all 28 NFL Dallas has been mentioned as a future NHL expansion site.

turnovers by the Seminoles. Alabama-Birmingham 75, No. 18 Tulane 69: In another upset of a ranked team, Stanley Jackson scored 19 points and Carter Long chipped in 17 as Alabama-Birmingham (7-1), playing at bome, defeated Tulane.

Tulane (5-2) cut Alabama-Birmingham's lead to 71-67 on two free throws by Pointer Williams with 36 seconds left, but Long made two foul shots 13 seconds later. Jackson stole the ball on Tulane's next possession, and drove for a dunk that ensured victory.

Reintroducing - the San Francisco 49ers.

ward "We have such high expectations around here, we win one so close and we start saying, Should have, could have won by more,' instead of saying, 'This is an awcsome win."

The most impressive thing about it was the 134 yards gained by rookie running back Amp Lee, who was playing for injured Ricky Watters, who has looked suspiciously like a young Roger Craig. A year ago, the 49ers, despite a 10-6 record, didn't bave one dependable running back; now they have two. The offense looks as potent as it ever did under Montana, even though the very sug-

seasons a quarterback's ever had.

He's completed 67.4 percent of his passes and thrown 22 touchdowns and just seven interceptions. Not only has be stepped into Montana's shoes, the only time Montana ever completed a higher percentage of passes (70.2) was in 1989, his signature season. The only time Montana ever had a 3-10-1 touchdown-to-interception ratio, as Young has now, was in 1989 when he threw 26 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

If guard-center Ralph Tamm hadn't inunder Montana, even though the very sug-gestion of it sounds sacrilegious. Young is the top-rated passer in the league, the 49ers day. As it is, be's going to come back either

Redskins beat the Raiders and the Eagles beat the New York Giants in the final week - would play at Minnesota. And the Vikings, until they get a real quarterback, are beatable. The Redskins, in fact, already proved that, back when Washington had so many injuries.

The winner of the Eagles-Redskins game will probably have to play in New Orleans, an infinitely harder game against a team that, miraculously, is discovering an offense to go with the best defense in the league.

teams with a large number of free agents; how you'd begin the new agree-ment as of Feb. 1; how is it worked out so that with players in their first, second. On the other hand, if you can get past the Saints the first week, next up is Dallas, not third and fourth years, how would the compensation and first-refusal system the 49ers. But, a trip to San Francisco, for somebody, appears inevitable.

spearheaded last week by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and the players' lead attorney, James Quinn. The NFL's spokesman, Joe Browne,

contract; how long the draft would be;

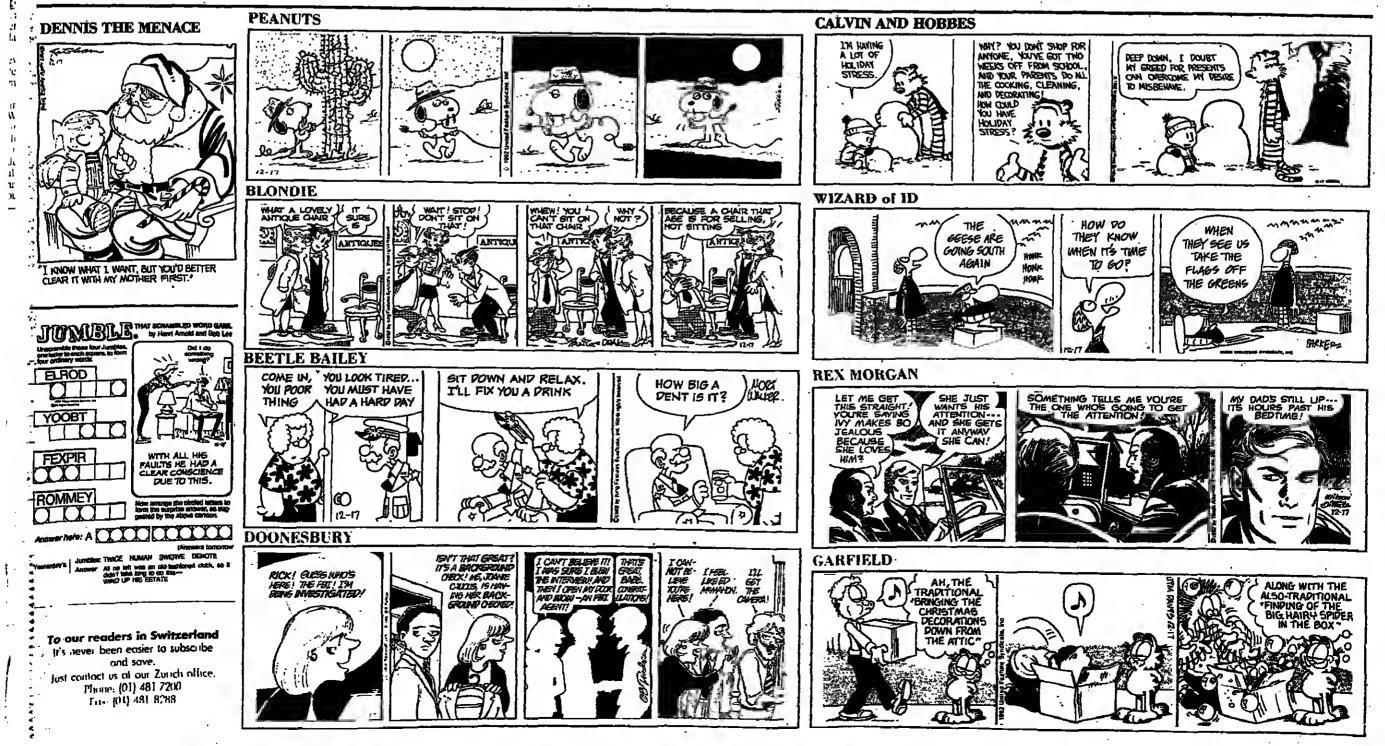
how the salary cap would be applied to

be set up. Those are major differences."

dersson scored on a penalty shot with 32.8 seconds left in the third period, dealing goalie Rohb Stauber his first defeat of the seasaid the points that kept the committee from accepting the agreement included "everything from the duration of the

Stauber, who had gone to straight games without a loss (9-0-1) and had won seven in a row, tried to beat Andersson to a loose puck in the left corner of the Kings' zone. But he lost the grip of his stick while poking the puck away, and referee Mike McGeough awarded the first-year expansion club its second penalty shot of the season. The first, by Brian Bradley, failed.

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SPORTS SOCCER

French Skater Discovers U.S. **California Training Helps Bonaly Bloom**

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PARIS -- It was early on a gray European morning; and the conversation quickly tunned to the one subject guaranteed to transform Surya Bonaly into a chatterbox: the United States.

"Have you been to Magic Mountain?," she asked excitedly. "What about Disneyland? Universal Stu-dios? What about Sea World? Was there a skating show at Sea World when you went?" This has been a fashionable year to rediscover

America, and Bonaly - flash with a French teenager's zeal for all things nouveau monde -- has hardly been mmme to the trend.

She and her omnipresent, adoptive mother, Su-zanne, have made two monthlong visits to Southern California to train at the figure skating center run by Frank Carroli, a respected American coach. Their first isit was in June, when Bonaly was still reeling from her disappointing fifth-place finish at the Olympics and disastrons 11th-place finish at the

world championship. If all had gone according to plan, daughter and mother would have stayed considerably longer than a month.

"Our idea was to go to the Unit-ed States to train with Frank on a en states to that with Frank on a permanent, basis," Bonaly said. "Frank was willing, but the French Federation wouldn't go along with it. They wanted me to have a French coach and keep my base here in France."

What the French Federation of loe Sports reportedly wanted to avoid was the prece-

dent established by its star ice dancers Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay, the French Canadian transplants who trained for seven years in the isolated German town of Oberstdorf with a Czechoslovak coach, Martin Skotnicky. Though the Duchesnays came away from the Olympics in Albertville with a silver medal, federation officials later grumbled about the cost and of feeling disconnected.

This time, the Bonalys were told firmly that if they wanted to expatriate themselves, they would have to do so at their own expense.

"We thought seriously about changing nationalities altogether," said Suzanne Bonaly, who acted as her daughter's primary coach from April until September. "We love France, but we had the feeling we were being attacked. If Surya would have had propositions, we wouldn't have hesitated even a second because really the whole situation was too much. But to have propo-. sitions, you have to search for them, and we had other things to do. We don't have an easy life, you know."

That point is perhaps debatable in light of reports that estimate Surya's gross annual revenue at 3.5 million francs (\$650,000), But it is beyond debate that despite all the bruised feelings and blown landings, earlier this year, Surya's skating career has suddenly taken a sharp turn for the bener; Since remning from the United States in late Soutember and emission the United States in late September and grudgingly joining forces with her new coach, Alain Giletti, she as skated in four competitions and won three: the Nation's Cup in Gelsenkirchen, Germany; the Lalique Tropby in Paris and on Saturday, the prestigious

NHK Trophy in Tokyo. In the process, she has bested the majority of her remaining amateur rivals, including her compatriat " Lactitia Hubert, Chen Lu of China, a bronze medalist nt last year's world championship, and Yuka Sato of Japan, who won the Skate America competition in October by overshadowing the stylish, emotionally

fragile American, Nancy Kerrigan. All at once, Bonaly, who turned 19 on Tuesday, is like a

Surva is due most of all to the fact that she has covered the joy of skating."

The joy disappeared on the tense road to Albertville, as Bonaiy and her mother engaged in a series of disputes with the skater's longtime coach, Didier Gail-hagnet, and his choreographer wife. Annick. The fed-eration helped mediate an *entente*, but after Bonaly's dispirited, error-filled performance in Albertville, the

Gailhagnets decided to make the split permanent. "I have no problem with Surya," said Didier Gail-hagnet. "Surya's so charming child with lots of fine qualities. Surya's problem is with her mother, who ings her lots of good but also lots of had.

"I have no doubt that Surya needs her mother, and I am not one of those who thinks the best thing is to separate them. But, unfortunately, her mother has made some enormous tactical errors, like changing Surya's Olympic long program at the last minute. I told Surya not to try the quadruple jump, and then she did it anyway. If it was going to be like that, it was of

on use to continue on together. You can't throw bombs all day and not can think they're going to explode." Already upset by the negative post-Olympic tone of the French press, the Bonalys proceeded to spend an unsettling, contentious month working with André Brunet, an interim coach appointed by the federation. At the world championship in Oakland, California, Bonaly hit bottom, finishing 10th in the short program and 12th in the long. "Oakland was the pits," she said.

"The federation gave me a coach who spent his time telling me I was worthless, and that I wasn't professional about my skating. He tried to change every-thing, my way of training, everything. He didn't accept that my mother would correct me sometimes."

For the next six months, Mrs. Bonaly, a physical education instructor by training, got the chance to make most of the corrections. More important, her laughter got the chance to calm her frazzled nerves

and begin focusing on her weaknes "We needed some time to heal," Surya said. "It felt a little like people had been shooting at us." When the Bonalys arrived in California in June,

Surya was particularly receptive.

"What I mainly tried to do," Carroll said, "was change the focus of what she thought was important in. her skating to what the judges felt was important. I think Surya was simply obsessed with doing four turns in the air, and her main focus needed to be on better skating, meaning steps over the ice, more complicated moves into jumps and a better, more pleasing line. She trained very hard and was very cooperative; she's really very easy to work with."

And Mrs. Bonaly? "Fine," Carroll said, "My French is very limited, and her English is very limited. Sometimes that can help." Even without the language barrier, the affable Giletti appears to have created a workable relationship with both Bonalys. But that does not mean he is now the sole architect of Surya's career. Because Giletti lives 200 kilometers south of Paris in Tours, he commutes four times a week by train for practice cossions. When he is not present, Suzame Bonaly runs practice.

You know, the truth of the matter is that we really. tneed anybody," she said last month: "We could. go off just the two of us and be fine. We really could, , but it's just not realistic: because of money, because of the politics with the judges, for all these reasons." But there is apparently one place the Bonalys have learned to need. And in February, in preparation for the world charming this that teneres its Sympler most

the world championship that represents Surya's most important competition before the 1994 Olympics, she

Peter van Vossen, left, battling Turkish defender Bulent Korkmaz, scored twice for the Netherlands. Marlins Sign All-Star Santiago, Yankees Finally Get — Boggs

mpiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches MIAMI --- The expansion Flori-da Marlins landed their first topflight, player Wednesday, signing Benito Santiago, an all-star catcher each of the last four seasons, to a two-year contract a day after the New York Yankees finally found a free agent willing to accept some of their money. They signed Wade Boggs to a

ee-year, \$11 million contract. Santiago signed a two-year, \$7.2 illion contract.

A native of Puerto Rico, he had expressed a desire to move closer to home after playing for San Diego. He sought a five-year, \$30 million

contract with the Padres, but they decided months ago to let him go. Santiago began bis professional areer as an 18-year-old catcher in skating less like a former gymnast and more like a doner mother plan to once again board a plane and here for the involution before the 1994 Olympics, she career as an 18-year-old catcher in the statistic straight European title next month in Helsin-ki, and should pose a legitimate threat at the world champions. The is due to several things: better and better, " said Giletti, the 1960 men's world champion, "It is due to several and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the States, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves, "and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves," and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves, "and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves," and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves, and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves, "and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves," and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves, and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves, and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves, and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states, it is like we get the chance to be ourselves, and more confidence in herself. But the blossoning of the states is in the states is in the weak of the states is inclusted. He was and the transate grapher and the transate

time American League batting think the signing was right, they champion would make their third-will come around," Steinbrenner base troubles disappear.

The signing was curious because Boggs, 34, is coming off the worst of his 11 seasons in the major leagues, all with the Boston Red Sox, and there is speculation that an ailing back will prevent him

from playing well again. In failing to hit .300 for the first time in his career, Boggs batted 259 last season, which dropped his career average from .345 to p.338. He missed several games with mus-. cle spasms in his lower back. Now he will miss cozy Fenway Park, where he hit .369.

where he hat .309. Manager Buck Showalter and the Yankces' general manager, Gene Michael, were initially against sign-Boggs, but Geo

said. "Everyone pulls together once it is done. You're a company man.

If you're not, you're to trouble." Once Charlie Hayes was exposed in the expansion draft and taken by the Colorado Rockies last month. the Yankees' Tampa-based executives decided that signing Boggs would make enough of a splash to help offset some of the negative publicity surrounding the loss of their regular third baseman,

Molloy signed Boggs to the lucrative three-year contract even though the Yankees had sought a two-year deal. The Los Ange Dodgers had offered Boggs a two-

year, 56 million contract. The Texas Rangers signed relievo a two-year deal **Dutch Triumph**, **Spain Romps in Cup Qualifiers** The Associated Press

ISTANBUL - The Netherlands defeated Turkey, 3-1, in a European Group 2 first leg World Cup qualifying match Wednesday that raised Dutch hopes that they would make it to the 1994 finals.

The victory put the highly rated Netherlands into a tie with Engand and Poland for second place in the group with three points, although from one more match than the other two. Norway leads the group, from which two team advance to the World Cup in the United States, with seven points from four matches.

And for a team shorn of star strikers Marco van Basten and Dennis Bergkamp, it was novice international Peter van Vossen who emerged the bero with two goals, to double his World Cup total. The Dutch, beaten by Norway and held to a draw at home by Poland in their opening two match-es, at first struggled on a wet field to break down the Turkish defense.

and could not break through until the 57th minute. Vossen, who scored both goals in the 2-2 draw with Poland, then put a shot into the net and two minutes later Rund Gullit marked his return from three months of voluntary exile with the second goal. But Turkey quickly struck back, with a goal by Feyyaz Ucar in the

60th minute. Three minutes from time, Anderlecht striker van Vossen, in only his third international, ensured victory with his second goal

Spain Buries Latvia, 5-0 Spain picked up two quick goals early to the second half to break a scoreless draw and cruised to a 5-0 victory over Latvia in a Group 3 World Cup qualifier, The Associat-

ed Press reported from Seville. Spain has seven points to five mes on two victories and three ties; Latvia has yet to win, with

four ties and three losses. José Maria Bakero gave Spain a 1-0 lead in the 48th with a shot from 10 meters, and José Guardiola made it 2-0 by drilling a goal from 20 meters two minutes later. Alfonso Perez Muñoz tallied from close range in the 78th minute, and Aitor Beguiristain scored in the 80th and 82d minutes,

Premier League: Only 22 Proposals for a second division to England's Premier League were rejected Wednesday by the comtry's top soccer clubs, but a revolu-tionary under-21 league received

The clubs agreed to set up a working party to examine a pro-posal from Tottenham's chairman, Terry Venables, to form an under-21 premier league

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U.S. Team Being Formed The U.S. Soccer Federation has asked 20 players to move to Mission Viejo, California, and hegin full-time training for the 1994 World Cup, The Associated Press reported.

Included are goalkeepers Brad Friedel and Tony Meola, and defenders Desmond Armstrong, Marcelo Balboa, Paul Caligiuri, Fernando Clavijo, John Doyle, Mike Lapper and Janusuz Michallik.

The midfielders are Mike Burns, Mark Chung, Chris Henderson. Cobi Jones, Dominic Kinnear, Joe-Max Moore, Bruce Murray, Brian Quinn and Mike Sorber, Jean Habor and Peter Vermes are the forwards.

The group, which was offered 1993 contracts with the U.S. na-tional team, will form the core squad that the United States will use for its matches next year.

For important matches, the team will be supplemented by players based overseas: goalkeeper Kasey Keller (Milwall, England); defender Thomas Dooley (Kaiserslautern, Germany); midfielders John Harkes (Sheffield Wednesday, England), Tab Ramos | Real Betis, Spaint and Hugo Perez (Ittihad, Saudi Arabia); and forwards Roy Wegerle (Blackburn, England), Ernie Stewart (Willem II Tilburg, Netherlands), Eric Wynalda (Saarbrucken, Germany) and Frank Klopas (AEK Athens).

Menotti Quits in Mexico Cesar Luis Menotti resigned Tuesday as coach of Mexico's national team, Reuters reported.

"I've been making diagnoses, but to very little response, and this was

a strong influence on my decision to go," said the Argentine. Under Menotti, Mexico finished atop the CONCACAF qualifying Group A for the 1994 World Cup. English Coach Threatened Coventry's Bobby Gould has become the second manager in England to be warned to stay away from a soccer ground for his own safety, Reuters reported.

A British television company confirmed Wednesday that Gould, who was to provide commentary at Tuesday's FA Cup replay between West Bromwich Albion and Wycombe, had been advised by West Brom and the police not to attend se of fears of



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Victory Streak Ended, He's Still Bobbin' Along

The Associated Press

LA PLAGNE, France --- Wolfgang Hoppe ended Brian Shimer's season-opening three-race victory streak Wednesday in a World Cup four-man bobsled race.

Still, the season's American surprise, who had never seen snow until he was 18, lost to the two-time Olympic champion from Germany by only 0.01-second. The first time the 30-year-old

Floridian saw snow, he had trouble making a snowball. Now he is guiding 1,400-pound (635-kilogram) obsieds down an icy chute at more

than 80 mph (130 kph). "It's such a natural high. Just the

four-man driver standings and has been in the top five in all four of the two-man events. two-man events. On Sunday, despite two major mistakes, he came in fifth in the two-man competition on the Olym-tro course blocard benkering Pers pic course. He and brakeman Randy Jones had the best start times in

the competition. The bobsied teams now take a month break before resuming in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. The world championships will be held in Iels Austria, in February. world championships will be held in Igls, Austria, in February. Shimer credits his improvement this year to putting a lot of turmoil

this year to parsing a the behind him. "Last year, every race I had a different brakeman," Shimer said. Son Antonia Denver Minnesota

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"I picked up some snow and it wonten't pack," he recalled. "It was too cold." After graduating in 1985, he went to bobsled team tryouts and was quickly accepted because of his physical ability. "It happened pretty quick," he said. "Two weeks after the tests I was in Germany and I had never seen a bobsled before." Now he leads the World Cup

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replace Roger Craig as manager of the San Francisco Giants. The team's hitting coach for the past four season, Baker had been expected to get the job since Craig was fired Dcc. 1. Baker became the fourth black manager in the majors, joining Cito Gaston of the Toronto Blue Jays, Hal McRae of the Kansas City Royals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Dusty Baker was hired Wednesday to

and Don Baylor of the Colorado Rockies. There also are two Hispanic managers: Felipe Alou of the Montreal Expos and Tony Perez of the Cincinnati Reds.

SIDELINES

World motorcycling's governing body, following the example of auto racing officials, said Wednesday it had canceled the 1993 French Grand Prix because of the government's ban on tobacco advertising. (AP) Vimy Pazienza, whose neck was broken in an automobile accident last

November, a month after he won the world junior middleweight title from Gilbert Dele of France, won every round and knocked down Luis Santana twice in the ninth for a 10-round decision in Ledvard. Connecti-

Crisanto Espana of Venezuela was unable to receive his WBA welter-weight championship belt in Caracas on Tuesday — gunmen had stolen it from an official who was carrying it in his briefcase. (Reuers)

Ouotable

• Larry Guest, of the Orlando Sentinel. on the Heisman Trophy balloting: "I was tempted to split my first-place vote hetween Johnny Majors' heart surgeon and the castrated bull at Mississippi State, easily the two most important figures in college football this season."

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tank and say, 'I wonder what kind

of mollusks there are on the bottom

of the ocean?' Because you don't

have a watch that can stand pres-

sure, you will he forced to stay on board."

"O. K., so I can't deep sea dive.

"You do a lot of flying, don't

"Only as a passenger." "It doesn't matter. You should

never go up without a chronograph

"I'm not going to fly the plane."

"Suppose the pilot and co-pilot

pass out? You'll never land without

a chronograph strapped to your

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have one on each wrist. The price of

"You still haven't told me wby

"The reason is that people are

strapped to your wrist."

What else do 1 need a watch for?"

WASHINGTON - You have truth is that I don't plan to dive 20 feet." newspaper advertisements that the only items available for Christmas this year are watches.

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There are Swatch watches, sport watches, \$25 watches, \$15,000 watches, moon watches, deep sea

watches. There Gucci are watches, Swiss Atmy watches and, if you walk down Fifth Avenue, you can see miles of card tables displaying

fake Rolex watches. Why all the

watches, when Buchwaid presumably most of us already have a watch?

Norman Lear, a watch merchant, told me, "People no longer wear a watch to tell the time. They wear it to make a statement.

"What kind of a statement?" "They are saying to the world that their watch speaks for who they are, and what they stand for, and bow much time they have to spare.

п "With all due respect, 1 have all

the watches I need." "Bite your tongue. Do you have a watch that is certified to dive 120

feet underwater?" "No, but then again I have no intention of diving 120 feet. The

watches has dropped so fast that almost anyone can afford to buy them. Nobody goes out specifically looking for a watch. But they nearly all end up with one because people can't pass up a bargain. Here is an alarm watch, and this model you can talk into, and this one talks back to you. This one tells the time in eight zones. Over here is a cuckoo watch. The cuckoo is voice-acti-

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play a part in our gift-giving, but

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I said, "I realize that watches

"Because it's the only present

"If there are so many watches,

"You can't blame a timepiece for

WEATHER

Tate Plans Gallery Of Modern Art

ONDON --- London, one of L the few major capitals not to have a modern art museum, has announced plans to build such a gallery by the turn of the century.

The Tate Gallery, which houses why are American people still late some international modern an as for their appointments? well as most of the national collection of British painting, said it will human error. Some people wear a set up a Tate Gallery of Modern watch and never look at it at all, Art.

Others stare at their watches for The Tate bopes for a mixture of hours and they still don't know private and public money to fi-mance the project, which could cost this such an unpredictable coun-up to £100 million (\$156 million).



Crossed Swords at Tony Paris Sports Club

By Christopher Petkanas PARIS - An ugly fight has broken out at the Racing Club de France, a prestigious private sports organization that produces Olympic athletes and serves as a social club for France's moneyed classes. For such a tony establishment, the language and behavior have been stunning in their virulence.

At stake is the direction of the 110-yearold club. Alain Danet, the 61-year-old president, is stepping down and n new president is about to be elected. Whoever wins, it is unlikely that "Le Racing," as regulars know it, will ever be quite the same again.

The infighting, which has included two highly publicized suspensions from the club, has mostly concerned fioancial matters, with members opposed to Danet saying that the club is spending too much on the wrong things. Indeed, members have been so critical of the way money is spent that the management responded in a mailing to members in November, in which members were in turn attacked for spreading false information.

Symptomatic of what is causing tensions to run high at the club these days is what might be called "L'Affaire Bornet."

Alain Bornet, a member since 1954, was recently barred from Le Racing for six months by the so-called Discipline Com-mission. The 62-year-old Bornet, who is part of the opposition that is vigorously challenging the club's administration complains that the organization is run in n ham-fissed way with little regard for the democratic tradition it is meant to upbold.

It would all be perfectly ridiculous if there were not so much on the line. Eight gold, silver, and bronze medals were collected by Racing men in Albertville and Barcelona.

With about 22,000 members, the Racing Club can be likened to a small, exclusive city. The population features the actor Jean-Paul Belmondo, who lends a kind of creased paunchy glamour, and decorative leaders of café society whose idea of working out is pouring tea at the Croix-Catelan clubhouse in the Bois de Boulogne. The entry fee for a single adult for the Croix-Catelan facilities, whose main attractions are the 56 tennis courts and two pools, is 28,000 franes (about \$5,200), plus a yearly fee of 7,000 francs. The presidency of Le Racing is an extremely prestigious post, and its bolder moves in powerful social circles.

Last week, 10 men whose club politics are not entirely known were voted onto the 30-member Comité Directeur, or management committee, which will name the president. Jean-Pierre Labro, Elf-Aqui-laine's communications director and a



The Racing Club de France, scene of a dispute over who will run the 110-year-old institution.

club vice president, is regarded as Danet's dauphin and a front-runner. Bornet had hoped to be part of the committee, and he says the Racing Club's action against him was its way of taking him out of the running. In any event, that was one of the effects of the moves.

Antagonism between Alain Danet, a onetime publishing executive whose father and grandfather were also club presidents, and Alain Bornet, who as a young man won a number of bonors swimming for it. is palpable. "The Commission de Discipline

thought that Bornet's conduct was not correct. That's why he's out," said Danet, seated in his well-upbolstered office at club headquarters in an unlovely but wellplaced building on Rue Eblé io the Seventh Arrondissement. "If you don't respect the rules, we tell you to go. You respect them, you stay." "I am small game in all this," said Bor-

net, hinting at deeper, darker scandals yet to surface

If Le Racing is no longer quite as strict and exclusionary as it fancies itself, it is still pretty uptight. Bornet's removal was triggered by a handbill he put out in early October, saying: "This time the cup is full." The writer says he hopes it is clear what the cup is full of. He refers to "those enfeebled seigneurs of old who looked to

the vassalage to prolong the essential part of their privileges," and adds: "Today in our club one must combat the unconscionable instead of consecrating it." The hand bill took a stand against voting procedures.

Bornet paid for his boldness later to the month with a visit from the bailiff, who served him with a summons to present himself before the commission. In connection with his candidacy for the Comite Directeur, it said, he had distributed a handbill containing seriously defamatory charges aimed at the club and its directors. "When I walked into the meeting they

asked me to take a seat," said Bornet, a filmmaker who is seen in his own "Born a Gourmet" videos demonstrating how to make pudding à la Royale. "I said to myself, great — if you're going to rake someone over the coals, you don't tovite him to sit down. Then I was told that if I wasn't happy at the club I had only to leave. I said, 'When I am not happy with the government of Monsieur Mitterrand I don't renounce my French citizenship. Everyone to any case behaved like good little children. When I got up to leave, they all shook my hand, but when I was out the door they suspended me. But I'll survive, I'm a swimmer. The only difference is that my medium now is quicksand." Ultimately, a civil tribunal in Paris

ruled to favor of Le Racing, and this cost Bornet 10,000 francs in court fees. It will be spring before he is greeted again by Rue Eble's gruff male receptionists in blue blazers, spring before he is allowed back into the paneled lounge hung with bad sports paintings and furnished with a vi-trine filled with gold-fringed satin ban-

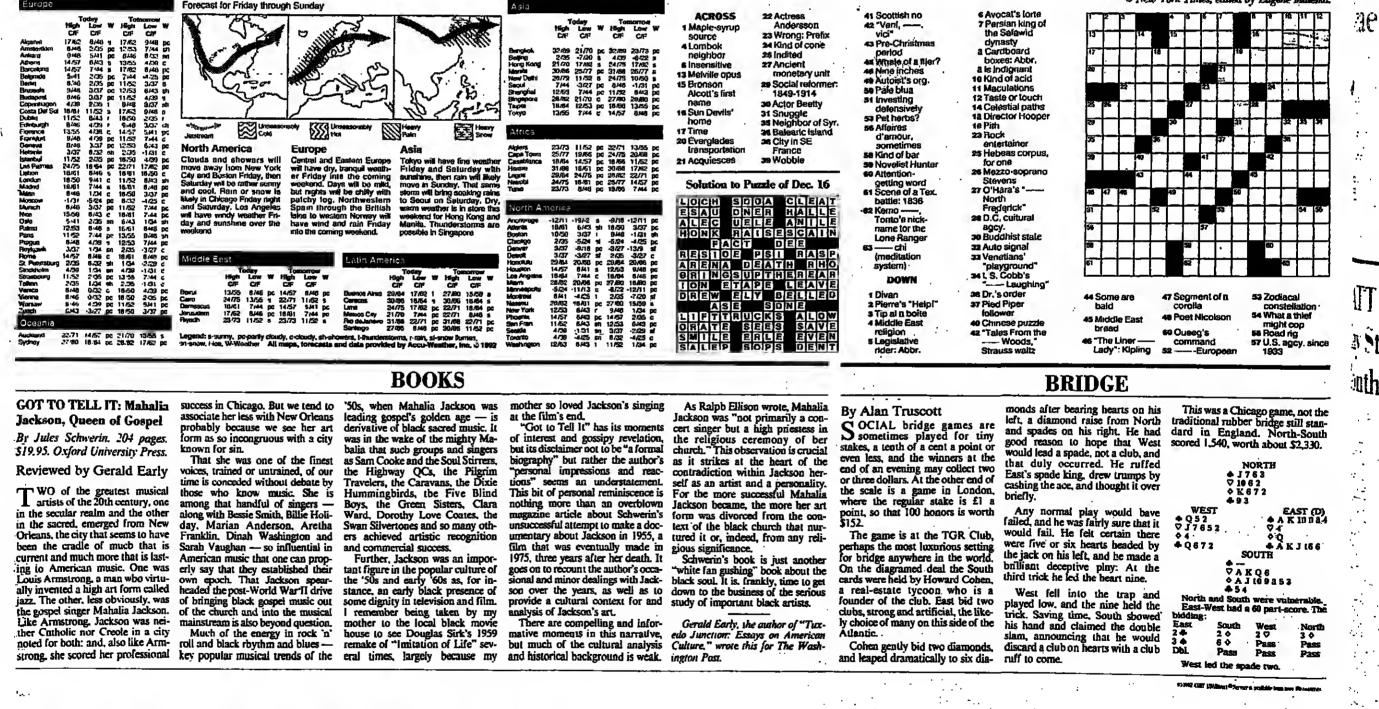
ners. Bornet insulted people, handed out tracts," Danet said. "I don't care one bit about any of this. It doesn't interest me at all. There was a suit, he lost, it's finished. Everyday we put people out. It happens in clubs all the time. Like we say in England, no comment. When someone is expelled, we don't say if it's because he picked his neighbor's pocket. He made false accusa-tions. After six months, be can become president of Le Racing if he wants."

Although "L'Affaire Bornet" is interlaced with themes familiar to readers of Balzac, Bornet sees his situation more in terms of Alphonse Daudet's tale of Monsieur Seguin's tenacious goat, who makes it triumphantly through the night before being killed by the wolf to the morning. "I have always lived for the Racing Club," he said. "I will pursue this to the end. This time maybe it's the wolf who dies."

Christopher Petkanas is a freelance writ-er based in Paris.

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D New York Times, edited by Eugene Maleska



PEOPLE

Depardieu's Son Is Held

On Drug-Selling Charge Guillaume Depardicu, 22, who starred with bis father Gerand De. pardieu io the popular French film "Tous les matins du monde," was arrested by the French police and charged with selling heroin at the Versailles train station. The police said they found more heroin and a large amount of cash at young Depardieu's home and said he was part of a larger group of people buying heroin in the Netherlands and selling it in the Paris region. If found guilty. he faces several years in prison. In "Matins," Guillaume played the 17th-century composer Marin Marais as an adolescent while his father played him as an adult.

LaToya Jackson is being such for \$3 million for skipping out on a Las Vegas show after being told she was to be fired. Jackson will be filing a countersuit, her spokesman said, claiming she was forced out the show, "Bare Essence," and did not receive her \$26,500 a week salary. Meanwhile, her brother, Michael Jackson, will receive the Silver Anniversary Entertainer of the Year Award at next month's annual National Association for the Advance-ment of Colored People caremony.

What goes around, comes around: The rapper ice-T is getting a payback from the police for write ing and singing the controversial song "Cop Killer," perceived by the police as an invitation to kill apcop. Because the Pittsburgh policerefused to provide security for his. Dec. 22 nppearance, the club where be was to appear has canceled the performance.

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Did Maria Maples get ber job on. Broadway through pull in the old Ziegfeld Follies tradition? Well, Donaid Trump's famous ex has just had her contract renewed for a year, for her role in "The Will Rogers' Follies" and is reportedly getting her salary doubled. Pierre Cassette, the musical's producer, said Marls has been "absolutely won-derful for the show - everyone loves her."

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